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Bill Summary: HR 6067 - Western Hemisphere Security Cooperation Act of 2012

The Western Hemisphere Security Act of 2012 provides a comprehensive approach to counter current and emerging threats to our nation and our allies. It is premised on the development of regional capacity and collaboration to intensify ongoing counterterrorism and nonproliferation efforts in the Hemisphere while protecting our marine environment from an oil enriched Cuban regime. Specifically, this bill:

- Undertakes a whole-of-government approach to deny Iran the resources it needs to threaten U.S. national security and allies, to establish a safe haven within the Western Hemisphere, and to gain financial support to carry out illegal activities around the world.
- Creates a Western Hemisphere Regional Coordination Center to serve as a joint operational facility dedicated to coordinating efforts, capacity, and intelligence among participating countries to counter current and emerging threats.
- Amends the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 to deter foreign investments that would assist the Cuban regime to develop its petroleum resources.
- Authorizes the President to sanction any country in the Western Hemisphere that the President has determined is engaged in military cooperation with state sponsors of terrorism.
- Calls for a transfer of funds to the Central American Regional Security Initiative, which supports law enforcement and interdiction efforts through training, equipment, technical expertise, and counter narcotics operations.
- Directs the Secretary of State to transfer 50 percent of the U.S. assessment for the Organization of American States to voluntary contributions for funding of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, Fund for Strengthening Democracy, Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism, and Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission.