

Amendment to be offered by Senator Merkley.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffery A. Merkley". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Jeffery" and the last name "Merkley" being more prominent than the middle initial "A.". The signature is written in a cursive-like style.

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*The Committee directs the Department of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, to submit a report to the committee that details: (1) what Navy equities required to support a low-yield W-76 capability on operationally available submarine-launched ballistic missiles; (2) any changes to or additional crew and personnel training requirements necessary to support any such modifications, a timeline for completing such modifications and changes in order to permit deployment of such warheads as well as a timeline for actually loading and fielding such warheads; (3) rationale for deploying low-yield warhead(s) on a SLBM, each of which is accountable under the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), instead of taking advantage of Treaty attribution rules that count each U.S. strategic bomber as a single warhead; (4) and a description of actions that will be taken to mitigate risks of miscalculation associated with adversaries being unable to distinguish between a submarine-launched ballistic missile carrying a low-yield warhead and that of a missile carrying several high-yield warheads. The Committee directs that no FY 2019 funding provided by this act shall be used to deploy such W76-2 low-yield nuclear Trident II D5 warheads until examination of the report by the Committee.*