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## US SENATORS INTRODUCE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL FOR TAIWAN

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Two U.S. senators have introduced a bill, the Taiwan Policy Act of 2022, to increase U.S. support for Taiwan, including providing billions of dollars in security assistance and changes to an old law that will expand Washington's unofficial ties with Taipei.

Since the U.S. is already Taiwan's main supporter and arms supplier, the bill will likely increase friction between Beijing and Washington, which accuses China of ramping up military coercion against Taiwan.

According to its text, the bill threatens China with severe sanctions for any aggression against Taiwan, and would provide \$4.5 billion in foreign military financing over the next four years, as well as designate Taiwan a "major non-NATO ally."

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