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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for cities hosting international sporting events taking place in the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. OWENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Assist-
5 ance for Olympic and World Cup Cities Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR INTER-**
2 **NATIONAL GAMES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5501
5 the following:

6 **“§ 5502. Transportation assistance for international**
7 **games**

8 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to
9 support State, Tribal, and local efforts on transportation
10 issues necessary to obtain the national recognition and
11 economic benefits of hosting international sporting events
12 in the United States.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) COVERED EVENT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘covered
16 event’ means any event that—

17 “(i) in the determination of the Sec-
18 retary, is an multiday international sport-
19 ing event, including—

20 “(I) an Olympic, Paralympic, or
21 Special Olympics event;

22 “(II) a FIFA Women’s World
23 Cup event; and

24 “(III) a FIFA Men’s World Cup
25 event;

1 “(ii) is held at a site located in a
2 State or territory that has been selected by
3 the International Olympic Committee or
4 the International Federation of Association
5 Football to hold such event; and

6 “(iii) is not regularly held at such
7 site.

8 “(B) TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE
9 EVENTS.—Multiple events described in subpara-
10 graph (A) occurring in the same stadium, city,
11 metropolitan planning area (as defined in sec-
12 tion 134(b) of title 23), or metropolitan statis-
13 tical area (as designated by the Director of the
14 Office of Management and Budget) shall be
15 treated as part of the same overall competition,
16 sporting event, or grouping of competitions or
17 sporting events and shall be considered to be 1
18 covered event.

19 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
20 tity’ means—

21 “(A) a State or local government entity,
22 Indian Tribe, or territory hosting a covered
23 event;

24 “(B) a State or local government entity,
25 Indian Tribe, or territory that—

1 “(i) is supporting a covered event; and

2 “(ii) has jurisdiction over an area that
3 is located not more than a 100-mile radius
4 of the location in which the applicable cov-
5 ered event is or will be held;

6 “(C) a metropolitan planning organization
7 that serves an area that—

8 “(i) is not a host metropolitan plan-
9 ning organization;

10 “(ii) is under the jurisdiction of a
11 State, Indian Tribe, or unit of local gov-
12 ernment described in subparagraph (A) or
13 (B); and

14 “(iii) is located not more than a 100-
15 mile radius of the location in which the ap-
16 plicable covered event is or will be held;

17 “(D) an entity eligible to receive a grant
18 under section 24911 that operates intercity pas-
19 senger rail service within a 100-mile radius of
20 the location in which the applicable covered
21 event is or will be held; or

22 “(E) the sponsor of an airport—

23 “(i) receiving a grant under sub-
24 chapter I of chapter 471; and

1 “(ii) that is located not more than a
2 100-mile radius of the location in which
3 the applicable covered event is or will be
4 held.

5 “(3) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term ‘eligible
6 project’ means—

7 “(A) A transportation project that is eligi-
8 ble for assistance under any provision of this
9 title or title 23; and

10 “(i) in the determination of the host
11 metropolitan planning organization, will
12 assist with the movement of people and
13 goods for the applicable covered event; or

14 “(ii) will mitigate or prevent any ad-
15 verse effects from the transportation
16 changes resulting from a covered event.

17 “(B) A transportation planning activity
18 that, in the determination of the host metropoli-
19 tan planning organization, will assist with the
20 movement of people and goods for the applica-
21 ble covered event.

22 “(4) HOST METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANI-
23 ZATION.—The term ‘host metropolitan planning or-
24 ganization’ means a metropolitan planning organiza-
25 tion (as defined in section 134(b) of title 23) for an

1 urbanized area (as defined in such section) in which
2 a covered event is or will be held.

3 “(5) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
4 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
5 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
6 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

7 “(6) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
8 the Secretary of Transportation.

9 “(7) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-
10 ing given such term in section 101 of title 23.

11 “(8) TERRITORY.—The term ‘territory’ has the
12 meaning given such term in section 165 of title 23.

13 “(c) GRANTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RE-
14 LATING TO INTERNATIONAL GAMES.—

15 “(1) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—For each fiscal
16 year, the Secretary shall allocate the amounts made
17 available to the Secretary to carry out this sub-
18 section as follows:

19 “(A) Beginning with the first covered
20 event occurring during or after the fiscal year,
21 the Secretary shall allocate amounts evenly to
22 each host metropolitan planning organization
23 for such covered event, up to a total of
24 \$10,000,000 for each such host metropolitan
25 planning organization.

1 “(B) After allocating a total of
2 \$10,000,000 to each such host metropolitan
3 planning organization for a covered event, the
4 Secretary shall, of any amounts remaining, allo-
5 cate amounts evenly to each host metropolitan
6 planning organization for the nearest subse-
7 quent covered event to such covered event.

8 “(2) GRANT USES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A host metropolitan
10 planning organization receiving amounts under
11 paragraph (1) may use the amounts to carry
12 out eligible projects or to provide funding to eli-
13 gible entities to carry out eligible projects
14 that—

15 “(i) are located not more than 100
16 miles from the location in which the appli-
17 cable covered event is or will be held; and

18 “(ii) in the determination of the host
19 metropolitan planning organization, are
20 not temporary infrastructure needed for
21 hosting the covered event.

22 “(B) EXCLUSION.—Amounts received
23 under this subsection may not be used for ac-
24 tivities relating to preparing or submitting a bid
25 to be selected to hold a covered event.

1 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirements de-
3 scribed in section 6701(n) shall apply to an eli-
4 gible project carried out with amounts made
5 available under this subsection.

6 “(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRPORTS.—
7 The requirements described under chapters 501
8 and 471 shall continue to apply to any project
9 carried out with amounts made available under
10 this section by an eligible entity described in
11 subsection (b)(2)(E).

12 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
13 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
14 retary to carry out this subsection \$50,000,000 for
15 each fiscal year, to remain available until expended.

16 “(d) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES.—The
17 Secretary shall provide technical and planning assistance
18 to eligible entities, including—

19 “(1) by providing assistance for planning activi-
20 ties of State or local governmental entities, metro-
21 politan planning organizations, Indian Tribes, units
22 of local government, and territories under sections
23 134, 135, and 165 of title 23 and sections 5303,
24 5304, and 5305 of this title for transportation
25 projects relating to a covered event;

1 “(2) by assisting State or local governmental
2 entities, metropolitan planning organizations, Indian
3 Tribes, and territories with the development of inter-
4 modal transportation plans relating to a covered
5 event;

6 “(3) by facilitating and incentivizing programs
7 to temporarily pool and share, for the duration of a
8 covered event, buses and related equipment among—

9 “(A) State and local governmental entities,
10 Indian Tribes, and territories hosting or sup-
11 porting a covered event; and

12 “(B) State and local government entities,
13 Indian Tribes, and territories not hosting or
14 supporting a covered event;

15 “(4) by expediting review and comment of any
16 required submissions to the Secretary relating to a
17 covered event;

18 “(5) by assisting with the coordination of trans-
19 portation planning efforts between governments or
20 the private sector; and

21 “(6) by providing any other technical or plan-
22 ning assistance the Secretary determines to be nec-
23 essary for advancing the purpose of this section de-
24 scribed in subsection (a).

1 “(e) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary shall provide as-
2 sistance under this section for a covered event only during
3 the period beginning on the date that is 5 years before
4 the date on which the covered event begins and ending
5 on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the
6 covered event ends.”.

7 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The analysis for chap-
8 ter 55 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by in-
9 serting after the item relating to section 5501 the fol-
10 lowing:

“5502. Transportation assistance for international games.”.