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H. R. 1608

To amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to future interstate designations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, and Mr. ARMSTRONG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Ports-to-Plains High-
5 way Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION AND OPER-**
7 **ATION.**

8 (a) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ROUTE SEGMENTS ON
9 INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section 1105(e)(5) of the Inter-

1 modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 is
2 amended—

3 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

4 (A) by inserting “subsection (c)(14)(A)(ii)
5 (relating solely to the portion from Limon to I–
6 76 in the vicinity of Brush),” after “subsection
7 (c)(13),”; and

8 (B) by inserting “subsection (c)(38),”
9 after “subsection (c)(37),”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (C)(i), by adding at the
11 end the following: “A State having jurisdiction over
12 any segment of the routes referred to in subsection
13 (c)(14)(A)(ii) (relating solely to the portion from
14 Limon to I–76 in the vicinity of Brush) or (c)(38)
15 shall erect signs, as appropriate and approved by the
16 Secretary, identifying such segment as a future ad-
17 dition to the Interstate System.”.

18 (b) VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS.—Section 127 of
19 title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
20 end the following:

21 “(v) OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN TEXAS,
22 OKLAHOMA, COLORADO, AND NEW MEXICO HIGHWAYS.—
23 If any segment of the routes referred to in section
24 1105(c)(14)(A)(ii) (relating solely to the portion from
25 Limon to I–76 in the vicinity of Brush) or section

1 1105(c)(38) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Ef-
2 ficiency Act of 1991 is designated as a route on the Inter-
3 state System, a vehicle that could operate legally on that
4 segment before the date of such designation may continue
5 to operate on that segment, without regard to any require-
6 ment under this section.”.

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