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H. R. 383

To include certain eligibility requirements in the surface transportation system funding alternatives program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. LOWENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To include certain eligibility requirements in the surface transportation system funding alternatives program, and for other purposes.

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 “Road User Charge Ad-
5 vancement Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND-**
7 **ING PILOTS.**

8 Section 6020 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 503 note)
9 is amended—

1 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—

4 “(1) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant
5 under this section, a State or group of States shall
6 submit to the Secretary an application in such form
7 and containing such information as the Secretary
8 may require.

9 “(2) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—The Secretary may
10 provide grants to States or a group of States under
11 this section for the following projects:

12 “(A) STATE PILOT PROJECTS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A pilot project to
14 demonstrate a user-based alternative rev-
15 enue mechanism in a State.

16 “(ii) LIMITATION.—If an applicant
17 has previously been awarded a grant under
18 this section, such applicant’s proposed pilot
19 project must be comprised of core activities
20 or iterations not substantially similar in
21 manner or scope to activities previously
22 carried out by the applicant with a grant
23 for a project under this section.

24 “(B) STATE IMPLEMENTATION
25 PROJECTS.—A project—

1 “(i) to implement a user-based alter-
2 native revenue mechanism that collects rev-
3 enue to be expended on projects for the
4 surface transportation system of the State;
5 or

6 “(ii) that demonstrates progress to-
7 wards implementation of a user-based al-
8 ternative revenue mechanism, with consid-
9 eration for previous grants awarded to the
10 applicant under this section.”;

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “2 or
13 more future”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(6) To test solutions to ensure the privacy and
16 security of data collected for the purpose of imple-
17 menting a user-based alternative revenue mecha-
18 nism.”;

19 (3) in subsection (d) by striking “to test the de-
20 sign, acceptance, and implementation of a user-
21 based alternative revenue mechanism” and inserting
22 “to test the design and acceptance of, or implement,
23 a user-based alternative revenue mechanism”;

24 (4) in subsection (g) by striking “50 percent”
25 and inserting “80 percent”;

1 (5) in subsection (i)—

2 (A) in the heading by striking “BIENNIAL”
3 and inserting “ANNUAL”;

4 (B) by striking “2 years after the date of
5 enactment of this Act” and inserting “1 year
6 after the date of enactment of the Road User
7 Charge Advancement Act of 2021”;

8 (C) by striking “every 2 years thereafter”
9 and inserting “every year thereafter”; and

10 (D) by inserting “and containing a deter-
11 mination of the characteristics of the most suc-
12 cessful mechanisms with the highest potential
13 for future widespread deployment” before the
14 period at the end; and

15 (6) by striking subsections (j) and (k) and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(j) FUNDING.—From funds made available to carry
18 out section 503(b) of title 23, United States Code,
19 \$35,000,000 shall be used to carry out this section for
20 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025.

21 “(k) USE OF FUNDS.—Of amounts made available
22 pursuant to subsection (j)—

23 “(1) for fiscal year 2022, \$17,500,000 shall be
24 used to carry out projects under subsection

1 (b)(2)(A) and \$17,500,000 shall be used to carry
2 out projects under subsection (b)(2)(B);

3 “(2) for fiscal year 2023, \$15,000,000 shall be
4 used to carry out projects under subsection
5 (b)(2)(A) and \$20,000,000 shall be used to carry
6 out projects under subsection (b)(2)(B);

7 “(3) for fiscal year 2024, \$12,500,000 shall be
8 used to carry out projects under subsection
9 (b)(2)(A) and \$22,500,000 shall be used to carry
10 out projects under subsection (b)(2)(B); and

11 “(4) for fiscal year 2025, \$10,000,000 shall be
12 used to carry out projects under subsection
13 (b)(2)(A) and \$25,000,000 shall be used to carry
14 out projects under subsection (b)(2)(B).”.

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