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H. R. 3516

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make zero-emission or reduced-emission passenger ferry grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. PAYNE) 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 “Greenhouse gas Reduc-
5 tion and Environmental Enhancement through New Fer-
6 ries Act” or the “GREEN Ferries Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PASSENGER FERRY GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5307(h) of title 49,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following paragraph:

5 “(4) ZERO-EMISSION OR REDUCED-EMISSION
6 GRANTS.—

7 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

8 “(i) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term
9 ‘eligible project’ means a project or pro-
10 gram of projects in an area eligible for a
11 grant under subsection (a) for—

12 “(I) acquiring zero- or reduced-
13 emission passenger ferries;

14 “(II) leasing zero- or reduced-
15 emission passenger ferries;

16 “(III) constructing new vessels,
17 facilities, and related equipment for
18 zero- or reduced-emission passenger
19 ferries;

20 “(IV) leasing facilities and re-
21 lated equipment for zero- or reduced-
22 emission passenger ferries;

23 “(V) constructing new public
24 transportation facilities to accommo-
25 date zero- or reduced-emission pas-
26 senger ferries;

1 “(VI) constructing shoreside
2 ferry charging or fueling infrastruc-
3 ture for zero- or reduced-emission
4 passenger ferries; or

5 “(VII) rehabilitating or improv-
6 ing existing public transportation fa-
7 cilities to accommodate zero- or re-
8 duced-emission passenger ferries.

9 “(ii) ZERO- OR REDUCED-EMISSION
10 PASSENGER FERRY.—

11 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term
12 ‘zero- or reduced-emission passenger
13 ferry’ means a passenger ferry used to
14 provide public transportation that re-
15 duces operational lifecycle emissions
16 by at least 75 percent through the use
17 of eligible technologies and fuels, that
18 may include utilizing onboard energy
19 storage systems or alternative fuels,
20 hybrid-electric or 100 percent electric
21 propulsion, related shoreside charging
22 or fueling infrastructure, and other
23 technologies deployed under normal
24 operation.

1 “(iii) RECIPIENT.—The term ‘recipi-
2 ent’ means a designated recipient, a local
3 government authority, or a State that re-
4 ceives a grant under subsection (a).

5 “(B) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Sec-
6 retary may make grants to recipients to finance
7 eligible projects under this paragraph.

8 “(C) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—A grant
9 under this paragraph shall be subject to the
10 same terms and conditions as a grant under
11 subsection (a).

12 “(D) COMPETITIVE PROCESS.—The Sec-
13 retary shall solicit grant applications and make
14 grants for eligible projects under this paragraph
15 on a competitive basis.

16 “(E) GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share
18 of the cost of an eligible project carried out
19 under this paragraph shall not exceed 80
20 percent.

21 “(ii) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The
22 non-Federal share of the cost of an eligible
23 project carried out under this subsection
24 may be derived from in-kind contribu-
25 tions.”.

1 (b) SET ASIDE.—Section 5336(h)(1) of title 49,
2 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 “(1) to carry out section 5307(h)—

4 “(A) \$60,906,000 shall be set aside in fis-
5 cal year 2022, of which, not less than
6 \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
7 under section 5307(h)(4);

8 “(B) \$61,856,134 shall be set aside in fis-
9 cal year 2023, of which, not less than
10 \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
11 under section 5307(h)(4);

12 “(C) \$62,845,832 shall be set aside in fis-
13 cal year 2024, of which, not less than
14 \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
15 under section 5307(h)(4); and

16 “(D) \$63,832,511 shall be set aside in fis-
17 cal year 2025, of which, not less than
18 \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
19 under section 5307(h)(4);”.

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