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H. R. 2683

To amend title 23, United States Code, to increase a set-aside for the Rural Project Initiative of the TIFIA program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2021

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas 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 “Helping Communities
5 Invest in Infrastructure Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF SET-ASIDE.**

7 Section 605(f)(1) of title 23, United States Code, is
8 amended by striking “\$2,000,000” and inserting
9 “\$3,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNO-**
2 **VATIVE FINANCE BUREAU.**

3 (a) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.—Section 116 of
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(k) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than
7 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, and
8 annually thereafter, the Executive Director shall submit
9 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
10 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
11 Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report de-
12 tailing—

13 “(1) the use of funds authorized under section
14 605(f) of title 23; and

15 “(2) the progress of the Bureau in carrying out
16 the purposes described in subsection (b).”.

17 (b) OUTREACH.—Section 116(b)(1) of title 49,
18 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

19 “(1) to provide assistance and communicate
20 best practices and financing and funding opportuni-
21 ties to eligible entities for the programs referred to
22 in subsection (d)(1), including by—

23 “(A) conducting proactive outreach to com-
24 munities located outside of metropolitan or
25 micropolitan statistical areas; and

1 “(B) coordinating with the Office of Rural
2 Development of the Department of Agriculture,
3 the Office of Community Revitalization of the
4 Environmental Protection Agency, and any
5 other agencies that provide technical assistance
6 for rural communities, as determined by the Di-
7 rector;”.

8 **SEC. 4. TIFIA APPLICATION PROCESS REPORT.**

9 Section 609(b)(2)(A) of title 23, United States Code,
10 is amended—

11 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and”;

12 (2) in clause (v), by striking the period at the
13 end and inserting “; and”; and

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

15 “(vi) whether the project is located in
16 a metropolitan statistical area,
17 micropolitan statistical area, or neither.”.

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