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H. R. 4931

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program at San Francisco International Airport for purposes of soundproofing residential buildings in surrounding communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, and Ms. ESHOO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program at San Francisco International Airport for purposes of soundproofing residential buildings in surrounding communities.

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 “Serious Noise Reduc-
5 tion Efforts Act of 2021” or the “SNORE Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR NOISE MITIGATION NEAR SAN FRAN-**
2 **CISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

3 (a) RESIDENTIAL NOISE MITIGATION NEAR SAN
4 FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.—Section 47504 of
5 title 49, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and”
8 at the end;

9 (B) in subparagraph (E) by striking the
10 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(F) installing residential noise dampening
13 windows, residential noise insulation, and other
14 residential improvements to reduce or to miti-
15 gate the noise impacts of the operation of San
16 Francisco International Airport.”;

17 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (E) by striking “and”
19 at the end;

20 (B) in subparagraph (F) by striking the
21 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(G) for a program of residential noise mitiga-
24 tion and soundproofing for residential buildings near
25 San Francisco International Airport.”; and

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

1 “(f) RESIDENTIAL NOISE MITIGATION NEAR SAN
2 FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.—

3 “(1) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Notwith-
4 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary
5 shall approve, and may incur obligations for, a pro-
6 gram submitted under subsection (a) that requires
7 the expenditure of funds made available under sec-
8 tion 48103 for mitigation of aircraft noise less than
9 65 DNL if—

10 “(A) such program is submitted and oper-
11 ated by San Francisco International Airport;
12 and

13 “(B) in any 2 consecutive or nonconsecu-
14 tive months in a fiscal year, a total of 10 or
15 more measurements of 75 dBA or greater (on
16 a noise monitor operated or approved by San
17 Francisco International Airport) are taken
18 within a single city or county between the hours
19 of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. due to San Francisco
20 International Airport operations, including air-
21 craft arriving or departing the airport.

22 “(2) PROGRAM CONTENTS.—The program de-
23 scribed in paragraph (1) shall propose to soundproof
24 at least 200 residential buildings per fiscal year.
25 Residential buildings proposed for aircraft noise

1 mitigation shall be within any noise-affected location
2 and the noise mitigation may be performed on a res-
3 idence whether or not it is within the 65 DNL con-
4 tour.

5 “(3) FUNDING.—

6 “(A) ELIGIBLE FUNDS.—The San Fran-
7 cisco International Airport may use Federal
8 funds, revenue from passenger facility charges
9 authorized under section 40117, and other rev-
10 enue generated by the airport to carry out ac-
11 tivities under the program without regard to
12 any restrictions on the use of such funds under
13 sections 40177 and 47133.

14 “(B) REMITTANCE OF FUNDS.—As a con-
15 dition of approval of any Federal grants award-
16 ed to San Francisco International Airport after
17 fiscal year 2023, the Airport shall agree that in
18 any fiscal year in which a program is submitted
19 by San Francisco International Airport under
20 paragraph (1) that does not propose noise miti-
21 gation of 200 or more homes, the Airport shall
22 remit to each noise-affected location an amount
23 equal to 10 times the amount of funding pro-
24 vided to the noise-affected location under the
25 Community Development Block Grant Program

1 under title I of the Housing and Community
2 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
3 seq.) for the previous fiscal year.

4 “(C) USE OF REMITTED FUNDS.—An air-
5 port disbursing funds to a city or county under
6 this program shall obtain written assurance
7 from the city or county that the funds shall be
8 expended for purposes of noise mitigation and
9 that the funds shall be spent not later than 2
10 fiscal years after the disbursement of funds to
11 the city or county.

12 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

13 “(A) NOISE-AFFECTED LOCATION.—The
14 term ‘noise-affected location’ means any city or
15 county in which ten or more measurements de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) were taken during
17 the previous fiscal year.

18 “(B) NOISE MITIGATION.—The term ‘noise
19 mitigation’ means soundproofing and noise
20 dampening, including the installation of noise
21 dampening windows, residential noise insula-
22 tion, and other residential improvements that
23 reduce the impact of noise.

1 “(C) RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.—The term
2 ‘residential building’ means a single family
3 housing unit or a multifamily housing unit.”.

4 (b) REVENUE DIVERSION EXCEPTION.—Section
5 47107(k) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
7 (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively; and
8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(3) REVENUE DIVERSION EXCEPTION.—The
11 use of revenue generated by San Francisco Inter-
12 national Airport shall not be considered a diversion
13 as set forth in this or any other section if such rev-
14 enue is used for purposes of conducting a program
15 of residential noise mitigation as described in section
16 47504(f).”.

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