

Rebuild America Act



IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Pope, Ms. Kallis (for themselves) introduced the following piece of legislation.

A BILL

WHEREAS the pressing issue of crumbling infrastructure in America threatens the safety of the American people as well as the nation's economy,

WHEREAS due to excessive spending and vagueness, many infrastructure bills of the past have not been implemented in Congress,

WHEREAS the Federal departments concerning themselves with infrastructure are the Department of Welfare, Department of Environment , Department of Economic Affairs, and the EPA,

WHEREAS the American people deserve better in regards of infrastructure in the United States of America

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America

SECTION I. Short Title

- I. This act may be referred to as the “Rebuild America Act” in short.

SECTION II. Definitions

- I. STATE – The term “state”, in the context of this bill, shall refer to the six states of the Model United States.
- II. MODERNIZATION – The term “modernization” shall refer to the act of upgrading and improving any outdated buildings, materials, and systems already in place.
- III. PROPERLY USED – The term “properly used”, as used in Sec. IV Clauses (3) and onwards, refers to grants being used for its purpose in an effective and efficient manner.

SECTION III. Grant Appropriations

- I. Over the next five years, Congress shall work in conjunction with the following agencies of the Federal Government to administer grants to all states of the United States of America;
The Environmental Protection Agency,
The Department of Welfare
The Department of Economic Affairs
The Department of Environment
These grants shall be offered with the following appropriations, listed below;
- II. RAILWAYS – \$75,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s railways.
- III. The Department of Welfare shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- IV. PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS – \$75,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s public roads and highways.
The Department of Welfare shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- V. AIR TRANSPORTATION - \$15,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s air transportation.
The Department of Transportation shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

- VI. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION – \$10,000,000,000 shall go into expanding and modernising the nation’s environmentally friendly transportation. The Environmental Protection Agency shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- VII. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE – \$37,500,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s water infrastructure, which includes but is not limited to dams, levees, sewers, and other water-management or delivery techniques. The Environmental Protection Agency shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- VIII. HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND – \$10,000,000,000 shall go into expanding access to high-speed broadband and high-speed cellular access in areas without such access or in areas with little access.
A review of areas without such access or areas with little access shall be conducted by the Federal Communications Commission. These findings will be reported to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The Department of Economic Affairs shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- IX. RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE – \$50,000,000,000 shall go into expanding, developing and modernising renewable energy infrastructure, environmentally friendly construction, or other environmentally beneficial infrastructure. The Environmental Protection Agency shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- X. URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE – \$30,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising infrastructure in urban areas. The Department of Welfare shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- XI. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE – \$20,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising infrastructure in rural areas, Indian reservations and other areas designated by the Department of Welfare to be ‘disadvantaged’ economically. The Department of Welfare shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- XII. ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE – \$30,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising energy infrastructure and grid infrastructure. The Department of Environment shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.

- XIII. PUBLIC SCHOOLS – \$15,000,000,000 shall go into repairing and maintaining public schools. Such grants shall go towards improving the facilities and conditions of such schools and providing increased tools and materials necessary. Only up to one percent (1%) of these grants may be used on sports teams and materials, and other athletic teams, materials and activities.
- XIV. The Department of Welfare shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- XV. DISASTER RELIEF AND PREPAREDNESS – \$5,000,000,000 shall go into maintaining, expanding and modernising disaster relief and preparedness infrastructure. The Department of Economic Affairs shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- XVI. NATIONAL PARKS – \$2,500,000,000 shall go into repairing and maintaining national parks. The National Parks Service shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- XVII. CAPITALISING LOANS – \$25,000,000,000 shall go into capitalising loans. The Department of Economic Affairs shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.

SECTION IV. Works Projects Administration

- I. The Works Projects Administration, or WPA, is hereby re-established.
- II. A Infrastructure Advisory Board shall be composed of all federal Department Secretaries concerning themselves with infrastructure. This shall be considered the WPA's Governing Body.
- III. The Works Projects Administration shall be headed by a Director appointed by the President. The Director of the WPA may consult with the "Governing Body" on all matters, but shall make all final decisions regarding research reports, improvement plans and budgetary matters. The appointed Director of the WPA shall report directly to the President of the United States of America. An executive decision by the Director of the WPA may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of all non-abstaining, voting members of the "Governing Body".
- IV. A Vital Infrastructure Board, or VIB, shall be created as a subdivision in the Infrastructure Advisory Board. The VIB shall be composed of all federal Deputy Department Secretaries concerning themselves with infrastructure. The VIB shall review

cases made by each state and determine grants to states most in need of immediate transportation or other infrastructure funds. The VIB Shall report all grants to states in need of emergency infrastructure funds to the Head of the IAB and its Governing Body.

SECTION V. Qualifications And Funding

- I. States must submit a report on how much money they need appropriated from each federal Department listed in Section IV. The report must include a plan of what each state will do with the grants and a timetable. A state may only be appropriated up to \$30,000,000,000 in grants in each fiscal year.
- II. The following federal Departments shall individually fund each plank of this act, as laid out in the following clauses; The Department of Transportation shall allocate \$165,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The Environmental Protection Agency shall allocate \$97,500,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The Department of Commerce shall allocate \$40,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall allocate \$30,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The Department of Agriculture shall allocate \$20,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The Department of Energy shall allocate \$30,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The Department of Education shall allocate \$15,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV. The National Parks Service shall allocate \$2,500,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- III. These grants shall be authorised each fiscal year until fiscal year 2024.
- IV. The relevant committees in the House of Representatives and Senate shall be informed each year through a report by the relevant department or departments on the use of any funds appropriated.

SECTION VI. Enactment

- I. This act shall be enacted ninety days upon passage.

SECTION VII. CBO ESTIMATE

\$400,000,000,000 in order to fund these grants.