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S. 5208

To enhance existing aviation workforce development pilot programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To enhance existing aviation workforce development pilot
programs.

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 “Aviation Workforce
5 Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AVIATION MAINTENANCE WORKFORCE DEVELOP-**
7 **MENT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE ADVANCED TRAINING FA-
9 CILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS FOR AIR CAR-

1 RIER AIRCRAFT GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 44515 of title
2 49, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “not more
4 than 4”; and

5 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$5,000,000”
6 and inserting “\$7,000,000”.

7 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE AVIATION WORKFORCE
8 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—Section 625 of the FAA Re-
9 authorization Act of 2018 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “and
12 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
13 2028” after “2023” each place it appears; and

14 (2) in subsection (d)(2)—

15 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “or”
16 after the semicolon;

17 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as
18 subparagraph (G); and

19 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
20 the following new subparagraph:

21 “(F) to acquire equipment necessary to de-
22 liver curriculum described in paragraph (1)(A);
23 or”.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AVIATION WORK-**
2 **FORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
5 Federal Aviation Administration shall, to the extent prac-
6 ticable and in consultation with other Federal agencies
7 and private individuals, establish a national strategic plan
8 for addressing projected shortages of aviation workers in
9 the aviation industry, including—

10 (1) any short-term, medium-term, and long-
11 term needs critical to the economy, national security,
12 workforce readiness, environmental concerns, and
13 priorities of the United States aviation sector, such
14 as emergency readiness and resilience; and

15 (2) any situation or condition that warrants
16 special attention by the Federal Government.

17 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The national strategic plan es-
18 tablished under subsection (a) shall—

19 (1) take into account the activities and accom-
20 plishments of all agencies in the Executive branch of
21 the Federal Government that are related to carrying
22 out such national strategic plan; and

23 (2) include recommendations for legislation,
24 regulations, and budget proposals to carry out such
25 national strategic plan.