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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for cities hosting international sporting events taking place in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Transportation Assist-
5 ance for Olympic and World Cup Cities Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR INTER-**
 2 **NATIONAL GAMES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 49, United
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5501
 5 the following:

6 **“§ 5502. Transportation assistance for international**
 7 **games**

8 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to
 9 support State and local efforts on transportation issues
 10 necessary to obtain the national recognition and economic
 11 benefits of hosting international sporting events in the
 12 United States.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) COVERED EVENT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘covered
 16 event’ means any event that—

17 “(i) in the determination of the Sec-
 18 retary, is an irregular, multiday, inter-
 19 national sporting event, including—

20 “(I) an Olympic, Paralympic, or
 21 Special Olympics event;

22 “(II) a FIFA World Cup event;
 23 and

24 “(III) a FIFA Women’s World
 25 Cup event; and

1 “(ii) is held at a site that has been se-
 2 lected to hold such event.

3 “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘covered
 4 event’ does not include activities relating to pre-
 5 paring or submitting a bid to be selected to
 6 hold an event described in subparagraph (A)(i).

7 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible en-
 9 tity’ means—

10 “(i) a State, Indian Tribe, or unit of
 11 local government (including a port author-
 12 ity or transit agency) hosting a covered
 13 event;

14 “(ii) a State, Indian Tribe, or unit of
 15 local government (including a port author-
 16 ity or transit agency) that—

17 “(I) is supporting a covered
 18 event; and

19 “(II) is located not more than
 20 100 miles from the location in which
 21 the applicable covered event is or will
 22 be held;

23 “(iii) a metropolitan planning organi-
 24 zation that serves an area that—

1 “(I) is under the jurisdiction of a
 2 State, Indian Tribe, or unit of local
 3 government described in subpara-
 4 graph (A) or (B); and

5 “(II) is located not more than
 6 100 miles from the location in which
 7 the applicable covered event is or will
 8 be held; or

9 “(iv) an entity eligible to receive a
 10 grant under section 5339 that is located
 11 not more than 100 miles from the location
 12 in which the applicable covered event is or
 13 will be held.

14 “(B) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVI-
 15 TIES.—For purposes of a transportation plan-
 16 ning activity described in subsection (c)(2)(B)
 17 or (d), the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

18 “(i) an entity described in subpara-
 19 graph (A); or

20 “(ii) a nonprofit entity established for
 21 execution of a covered event.

22 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
 23 the Secretary of Transportation.

24 “(c) GRANTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RE-
 25 LATING TO INTERNATIONAL GAMES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Using amounts made avail-
2 able to the Secretary under subsection (f), the Sec-
3 retary may make planning and construction grants
4 to eligible entities to carry out projects described in
5 paragraph (2) that—

6 “(A) are located not more than 100 miles
7 from the location in which the applicable cov-
8 ered event is or will be held; and

9 “(B) in the determination of the Secretary,
10 are not temporary infrastructure needed for
11 hosting the covered event.

12 “(2) PROJECT DESCRIBED.—A project referred
13 to in paragraph (1) is any of the following:

14 “(A) A transportation project that—

15 “(i) is eligible for assistance under—

16 “(I) any provision of this title,
17 including section 5312; or

18 “(II) any provision of title 23;

19 and

20 “(ii) in the determination of the Sec-
21 retary, will assist with the movement of
22 people and goods for the applicable covered
23 event.

24 “(B) A transportation planning activity
25 that, in the determination of the Secretary, will

1 assist with the movement of people and goods
2 for the applicable covered event.

3 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-
4 scribed in section 6701(n) shall apply to a project
5 described in paragraph (2) that is funded by a grant
6 under this subsection.

7 “(d) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES.—The
8 Secretary may provide technical and planning assistance
9 to eligible entities, including—

10 “(1) by providing assistance for planning activi-
11 ties of States, Indian Tribes, units of local govern-
12 ment, and metropolitan planning organizations
13 under sections 134 and 135 of title 23 and sections
14 5303, 5304, and 5305 of this title for transportation
15 projects relating to a covered event;

16 “(2) by assisting States, Indian Tribes, units of
17 local government, and metropolitan planning organi-
18 zations with the development of intermodal transpor-
19 tation plans;

20 “(3) by facilitating and incentivizing programs
21 to temporarily pool and share, for the duration of a
22 covered event, buses and related equipment among—

23 “(A) States, Indian Tribes, and units of
24 local government hosting or supporting a cov-
25 ered event; and

1 “(B) States, Indian Tribes, and units of
2 local government not hosting or supporting a
3 covered event;

4 “(4) by expediting review and comment of any
5 required submissions to the Secretary relating to a
6 covered event;

7 “(5) by assisting with the coordination of trans-
8 portation planning efforts between governments or
9 the private sector; and

10 “(6) by providing any other technical or plan-
11 ning assistance the Secretary determines to be nec-
12 essary for advancing the purpose of this section de-
13 scribed in subsection (a).

14 “(e) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may provide as-
15 sistance under this section for a covered event only during
16 the period beginning on the date that is 5 years before
17 the date on which the covered event begins and ending
18 on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the
19 covered event ends.

20 “(f) FUNDING.—

21 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
22 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
23 retary to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for each
24 fiscal year.

1 “(2) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.—Of the
 2 amounts made available to carry out this section for
 3 each fiscal year, the Secretary may transfer not
 4 more than 2 percent for a fiscal year to the Admin-
 5 istrator of any of the Federal Highway Administra-
 6 tion, the Federal Transit Administration, the Fed-
 7 eral Railroad Administration, the Federal Aviation
 8 Administration, or the Maritime Administration to
 9 award and oversee grants in accordance with this
 10 section.

11 “(3) SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS.—Notwith-
 12 standing part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regu-
 13 lations (or successor regulations), a grant agreement
 14 under which funds are awarded pursuant to this sec-
 15 tion may take the form of a supplemental agreement
 16 to an existing agreement that meets the require-
 17 ments of this section.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 19 ter 55 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by in-
 20 serting after the item relating to section 5501 the fol-
 21 lowing:

“5502. Transportation assistance for international games.”.

22 **SEC. 3. STUDIES ON THE EFFECTS OF HOSTING THE OLYM-**
 23 **PICS AND WORLD CUP ON THE TRAVEL AND**
 24 **TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEES.—The term
 2 “Local Planning Committees” means the World Cup
 3 planning committees specific to each World Cup host
 4 city.

5 (2) OLYMPICS.—The term “Olympics” means
 6 the 2028 Summer Olympics and 2028 Paralympics,
 7 both hosted by Los Angeles, California.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 9 the Secretary of Commerce.

10 (4) TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY.—The
 11 term “travel and tourism industry” means the travel
 12 and tourism industry in the United States.

13 (5) WORLD CUP.—The term “World Cup”
 14 means the 2026 Men’s FIFA World Cup, hosted by
 15 the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

16 (b) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STUDY AND RE-
 17 PORT ON EFFECTS ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM OF
 18 HOSTING THE OLYMPICS.—

19 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
 20 date of enactment of this Act and after consultation
 21 with the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory
 22 Board and the United States Olympic Planning
 23 Committee, the Secretary shall, subject to the avail-
 24 ability of appropriations, commence a study to exam-

1 ine the impact of the Olympics on the travel and
2 tourism industry, including—

3 (A) changes in the frequency of inter-
4 national travel to the United States;

5 (B) changes in the frequency of domestic
6 travel within the United States;

7 (C) changes in the revenues of businesses
8 in the travel and tourism industry; and

9 (D) changes in employment rates in the
10 travel and tourism industry.

11 (2) REPORT.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
13 days after the conclusion of the Olympics, the
14 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
15 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
16 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-
17 merce of the House of Representatives a report
18 containing the results of the study conducted
19 under paragraph (1).

20 (B) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall
21 make the report described in subparagraph (A)
22 publicly available on the website of the Depart-
23 ment of Commerce.

1 (c) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STUDY AND RE-
2 PORT ON EFFECTS ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM OF
3 HOSTING THE WORLD CUP.—

4 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act and after consultation
6 with the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory
7 Board and Local Planning Committees, the Sec-
8 retary shall, subject to the availability of appropria-
9 tions, commence a study to examine the impact of
10 the World Cup on the travel and tourism industry,
11 including—

12 (A) changes in the frequency of inter-
13 national travel to the United States;

14 (B) changes in the frequency of domestic
15 travel within the United States;

16 (C) changes in the revenues of businesses
17 in the travel and tourism industry; and

18 (D) changes in employment rates in the
19 travel and tourism industry.

20 (2) REPORT.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
22 days after the conclusion of the World Cup, the
23 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
24 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
25 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-

1 merce of the House of Representatives a report
2 containing the results of the study conducted
3 under paragraph (1).

4 (B) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall
5 make the report described in subparagraph (A)
6 publicly available on the website of the Depart-
7 ment of Commerce.

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