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S. 5560

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 with respect to the eligibility of youth sports facilities for certain grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Youth Sports Facilities
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. YOUTH SPORTS FACILITY ELIGIBILITY.**

7 Section 201 of the Public Works and Economic De-
8 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “youth
2 sports,” after “public service,”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or
5 youth sports facilities” after “facilities”; and

6 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or
7 underemployed” after “unemployed”;

8 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
9 section (d); and

10 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(c) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding
13 grants under this section, the Secretary may consider the
14 extent to which a project would—

15 “(1) lead to economic diversification in the
16 area, or a part of the area, in which the project is
17 or will be located;

18 “(2) address and mitigate the mental and phys-
19 ical health impacts of sedentary lifestyles and obe-
20 sity on the health of a community by improving ac-
21 cess to recreational space, including by developing
22 youth sports facilities serving the community;

23 “(3) benefit highly rural communities without
24 adequate tax revenues to invest in active lifestyle in-
25 frastructure;

1 “(4) primarily serve children who—

2 “(A) are from low-income families in rural
3 or underserved communities;

4 “(B) lack access to indoor or outdoor fa-
5 cilities for covered physical education and
6 sports activities; and

7 “(C) live or attend school in communities
8 with high rates of opioid use disorders or com-
9 munity violence;

10 “(5) support youth sports and recreation to
11 spur economic development, with a focus on urban
12 and rural communities lacking facilities;

13 “(6) promote job creation through youth sports
14 facilities and adjacent businesses that support such
15 facilities; and

16 “(7) promote travel and tourism.”.

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