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H. R. 3181

To amend title 23, United States Code, to permit border States to designate certain funds for border infrastructure projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HURD of Texas (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

4 Section 133 of title 23, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(i) BORDER STATES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After consultation with rel-
8 evant transportation planning organizations, the
9 Governor of a State that shares a land border with

1 Canada or Mexico may designate each fiscal year
2 not more than 5 percent of funds made available to
3 the State under subsection (d)(1)(B) for border in-
4 frastructure projects eligible under section 1303 of
5 SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 101 note; Public Law
6 109–59).

7 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds designated under
8 this subsection shall be available under the require-
9 ments of section 1303 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C.
10 101 note; Public Law 109–59).

11 “(3) CERTIFICATION.—Before making a des-
12 ignation under paragraph (1), the Governor shall
13 certify that the designation is consistent with trans-
14 portation planning requirements under this title.

15 “(4) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days
16 after making a designation under paragraph (1), the
17 Governor shall submit to the relevant transportation
18 planning organizations within the border region a
19 written notification of any suballocated or distrib-
20 uted amount of funds available for obligation by ju-
21 risdiction.

22 “(5) LIMITATION.—This subsection applies only
23 to funds apportioned to a State after the date of re-
24 authorization of the Moving Ahead for Progress in
25 the 21st Century Act (Public Law 112–141).

1 “(6) DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION.—A des-
2 ignation under paragraph (1) shall—

3 “(A) be submitted to the Secretary not
4 later than 30 days before the beginning of the
5 fiscal year for which the designation is being
6 made; and

7 “(B) remain in effect for the funds des-
8 ignated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year
9 until the Governor of the State notifies the Sec-
10 retary of the termination of such designation.

11 “(7) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—On the
12 date of a termination under paragraph (6)(B), all
13 remaining unobligated funds that had been des-
14 ignated under paragraph (1) for the fiscal year for
15 which the designation is being terminated shall be
16 made available to the State for the purposes under
17 subsection (d)(1)(B).”.

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