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H. R. 2351

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study relating to ultrafine particles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SUOZZI, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Airport
5 Communities from Particle Emissions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIRBORNE ULTRAFINE PARTICLE STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
8 Aviation Administration shall enter into appropriate ar-

1 rangements with the National Academy of Sciences to a
2 conduct a study that—

3 (1) summarizes the relevant literature and
4 studies done on airborne ultrafine particles world-
5 wide;

6 (2) focuses on large hub commercial airports
7 in—

8 (A) Seattle;

9 (B) Boston;

10 (C) Chicago;

11 (D) New York;

12 (E) the Northern California Metroplex;

13 (F) Phoenix;

14 (G) the Southern California Metroplex;

15 (H) the District of Columbia;

16 (I) Atlanta; and

17 (J) any other metropolitan large hub air-
18 port identified by the Administrator;

19 (3) specifically looks at—

20 (A) characteristics of UFPs present in the
21 air;

22 (B) spatial and temporal distributions of
23 UFP concentrations;

24 (C) primary sources of UFPs;

1 (D) how much aircraft and airport oper-
2 ations are contributing to the distribution of
3 UFP concentrations when compared to other
4 sources;

5 (E) potential health effects associated with
6 elevated UFP exposures, including heart and
7 lung diseases, asthma, nervous system dis-
8 orders, and other health effects, that have been
9 considered in previous studies; and

10 (F) potential UFP exposures, especially to
11 susceptible and vulnerable groups;

12 (4) identifies measures, including the use of
13 sustainable aviation fuels, intended to reduce emis-
14 sions from aircraft and airport operations and assess
15 potential impacts on emissions related to UFPs; and

16 (5) identifies important information gaps re-
17 lated to understanding relationships between UFP
18 exposures and health effects, contributions of avia-
19 tion-related emissions to UFP exposures, and the ef-
20 fectiveness of mitigation measures.

21 (b) COORDINATION.—The Administrator of the Fed-
22 eral Aviation Administration shall coordinate with the Ad-
23 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and any other

1 agency that the Administrator deems appropriate to pro-
2 vide data and other assistance necessary for the study.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
4 of execution of the funding agreement between the Federal
5 Aviation Administration and the National Academy of
6 Sciences, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
7 ministration shall submit to Congress a report on the
8 study.

9 (d) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the terms “ultrafine
10 particle” and “UFP” mean particles with diameters less
11 than or equal to 100 nanometers.

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