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H. R. 5812

To require the Secretary of Transportation to set aside certain amounts provided under the BUILD program for rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. KILMER, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. SCHRIER) 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 “Better Utilizing Invest-
5 ments to Leverage Development for Underfunded Projects
6 Act” or the “BUILD UP Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. SET-ASIDE FOR BUILD GRANT AMOUNTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to grant amounts
9 provided under the heading “Office of the Secretary—Na-

1 tional Infrastructure Investments” in title I of division H
2 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020
3 (Public Law 116–94) for eligible projects, the Secretary
4 of Transportation shall ensure that not less than 30 per-
5 cent of the amount provided under such heading shall be
6 provided to cities with populations of between 10,000 and
7 75,000, whether or not 1 or more of such cities are consid-
8 ered part of an urbanized area as designated by the
9 United States Census Bureau.

10 (b) ELIGIBLE PROJECT DEFINED.—In this section,
11 the term “eligible project” means a project eligible for
12 funding under title I of division H of the Further Consoli-
13 dated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94), in-
14 cluding—

15 (1) a highway or bridge project eligible under
16 title 23, United States Code;

17 (2) a public transportation project eligible
18 under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;

19 (3) a passenger and freight rail transportation
20 project eligible under title 23 or title 49, United
21 States Code;

22 (4) a port infrastructure investment (including
23 inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
24 eligible under title 23, United States Code, chapter

1 503 of title 46, United States Code, or title 49,
2 United States Code; and

3 (5) a project investing in a surface transpor-
4 tation facility that is located on tribal land and for
5 which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in
6 the Federal Government under title 23, United
7 States Code.

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