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S. 2726

To provide for competitive grants to support access to affordable housing and the enhancement of mobility for residents in disadvantaged communities or neighborhoods.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. OSSOFF (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Public Transportation
5 Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESS CONSTRUCTION**
2 **GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
4 priated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
5 ment and the Secretary of Transportation for fiscal year
6 2022 such sums as may be necessary, to remain available
7 until September 30, 2026, for competitive grants to sup-
8 port—

9 (1) access to affordable housing; and

10 (2) the enhancement of mobility for—

11 (A) residents in disadvantaged commu-
12 nities or neighborhoods or in persistent poverty
13 communities; or

14 (B) low-income riders.

15 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
16 available under this section shall—

17 (1) be available to recipients and subrecipients
18 eligible for assistance under chapter 53 of title 49,
19 United States Code; and

20 (2) after allocation, be administered as if pro-
21 vided under section 5307 of that title.

22 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts made available
23 under this section shall be used for any of the following
24 activities:

25 (1) Construction of a new fixed guideway cap-
26 ital project.

1 (2) Construction of a bus rapid transit project
2 or a corridor-based bus rapid transit project that
3 utilizes zero-emission vehicles, including costs related
4 to the acquisition of zero-emission vehicles and re-
5 lated charging or fueling infrastructure, or a collec-
6 tion of those projects.

7 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) of section
8 5307 of title 49, United States Code, an expansion
9 of the service area or the frequency of service of re-
10 cipients under that section, which may include oper-
11 ational expenses, including the provision of fare-free
12 or reduced-fare service, or the acquisition of zero-
13 emission vehicles or infrastructure to expand service.

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