

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1438

To make improvements to the small community air service development program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2023

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Small Community Air
5 Service Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SMALL COMMUNITY AIR**
7 **SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

8 Section 41743 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(5)(E), by striking “has
 2 been terminated;” and inserting the following: “has
 3 been—

4 “(i) terminated; or

5 “(ii) significantly reduced (as meas-
 6 ured by enplanements, capacity (seats),
 7 schedule, connections, or routes);”; and

8 (2) in subsection (e)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,
 10 by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal
 11 years 2018 through 2023” inserting
 12 “\$16,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
 13 through 2028”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 15 paragraph:

16 “(3) REQUIREMENT IF FUNDING AVAILABLE.—

17 In any fiscal year in which the amount available to
 18 the Secretary to make agreements to provide assist-
 19 ance under this section exceeds \$5,000,000, the Sec-
 20 retary shall, subject to the total amount so available,
 21 issue an order soliciting grant applications under
 22 this section during that fiscal year.”.

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