

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1238

To ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1 (legislative day, MARCH 31), 2025

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. YOUNG) 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 “Securing Smart Invest-
5 ments in our Ports Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) PORT AND INTERMODAL IMPROVEMENT PRO-
8 GRAM.—Section 54301(a)(6)(B) of title 46, United States
9 Code, is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “and” after the
2 semicolon;

3 (2) in clause (iii), by striking the period and in-
4 serting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(iv) ensuring equitable geographic
7 distribution among regions of the United
8 States with regard to the projects se-
9 lected.”.

10 (b) ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL INLAND RIVER AND
11 COASTAL PORTS AND TERMINALS.—Section 54301(b)(4)
12 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and”;

14 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
15 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(D) ensure equitable geographic distribu-
18 tion among regions of the United States with
19 regard to the projects selected.”.

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