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H. R. 3347

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program relating to the acquisition or leasing of zero emission buses or bus facility improvements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2021

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. GALLEGRO) 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 “Generating Reduced
5 Emissions by Electrifying New Buses Act” or the
6 “GREEN Buses Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ZERO EMISSION BUS GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5339(c) of title 49,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in the heading by striking “LOW OR NO
5 EMISSION GRANTS” and inserting “ZERO EMISSION
6 GRANTS”;

7 (2) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (i) in clause (i) by striking “low or no
10 emission” and inserting “zero emission”;

11 (ii) in clause (ii) by striking “low or
12 no emission” and inserting “zero emis-
13 sion”;

14 (iii) in clause (iii) by striking “low or
15 no emission” and inserting “zero emis-
16 sion”;

17 (iv) in clause (iv) by striking “facili-
18 ties and related equipment for low or no
19 emission” and inserting “related equip-
20 ment for zero emission”;

21 (v) in clause (v) by striking “facilities
22 and related equipment for low or no emis-
23 sion vehicles;” and inserting “related
24 equipment for zero emission vehicles; or”;

1 (vi) in clause (vii) by striking “low or
2 no emission” and inserting “zero emis-
3 sion”;

4 (vii) by striking clause (vi); and

5 (viii) by redesignating clause (vii) as
6 clause (vi);

7 (B) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-
8 serting the following:

9 “(D) the term ‘zero emission bus’ means a
10 bus that is a zero emission vehicle;”;

11 (C) by striking subparagraph (E) and in-
12 serting the following:

13 “(E) the term ‘zero emission vehicle’
14 means a vehicle used to provide public transpor-
15 tation that produces no carbon dioxide or par-
16 ticulate matter;”;

17 (D) in subparagraph (F) by striking “and”
18 at the end;

19 (E) by striking subparagraph (G) and in-
20 serting the following:

21 “(G) the term ‘eligible area’ means an area
22 that is—

23 “(i) designated as a nonattainment
24 area for ozone or particulate matter under

1 section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (42
2 U.S.C. 7407(d));

3 “(ii) a maintenance area, as such
4 term is defined in section 5303, for ozone
5 or particulate matter; or

6 “(iii) in a State that has enacted a
7 statewide zero emission bus transition re-
8 quirement, as determined by the Secretary;
9 and”;

10 (F) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(H) the term ‘low-income community’
12 means any population census tract if—

13 “(i) the poverty rate for such tract is
14 at least 20 percent; or

15 “(ii) in the case of a tract—

16 “(I) not located within a metro-
17 politan area, the median family in-
18 come for such tract does not exceed
19 80 percent of statewide median family
20 income; or

21 “(II) located within a metropoli-
22 tan area, the median family income
23 for such tract does not exceed 80 per-
24 cent of the greater statewide median

1 family income or the metropolitan
2 area median family income.”;

3 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
4 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

5 (4) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(5) GRANT ELIGIBILITY.—In awarding grants
8 under this subsection, the Secretary shall make
9 grants to eligible projects relating to the acquisition
10 or leasing of zero emission buses or bus facility im-
11 provements—

12 “(A) that procure—

13 “(i) at least 10 zero emission buses;

14 “(ii) if the recipient operates less than
15 50 buses in peak service, at least 5 zero
16 emission buses; or

17 “(iii) hydrogen buses;

18 “(B) for which the recipient’s board of di-
19 rectors has approved a long-term integrated
20 fleet management plan that—

21 “(i) establishes a goal by a set date to
22 convert the entire bus fleet to zero emis-
23 sion buses; or

24 “(ii) establishes a goal that within 10
25 years from the date of approval of such

1 plan the recipient will convert a set per-
2 centage of the total bus fleet of such re-
3 cipient to zero emission buses; and

4 “(C) for which the recipient has performed
5 a fleet transition study that includes optimal
6 route planning and an analysis of how utility
7 rates may impact the recipient’s operations and
8 maintenance budget.

9 “(6) LOW AND MODERATE COMMUNITY
10 GRANTS.—Not less than 10 percent of the amounts
11 made available under this subsection in a fiscal year
12 shall be distributed to projects serving predomi-
13 nantly low-income communities.”

14 (b) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—
15 Section 5303(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
16 ed by adding at the end the following:

17 “(8) MAINTENANCE AREA.—The term ‘mainte-
18 nance area’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
19 tions 171(2) and 175A of the Clean Air Act (42
20 U.S.C. 7501(2); 7505a).”

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