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# H. R. 3516

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Greenhouse gas Reduc-  
5       tion and Environmental Enhancement through New Fer-  
6       ries Act” or the “GREEN Ferries Act”.

1     **SEC. 2. PASSENGER FERRY GRANTS.**

2         (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5307(h) of title 49,  
3     United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
4     following paragraph:

5             “(4) ZERO-EMISSION OR REDUCED-EMISSION  
6     GRANTS.—

7                 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

8                     “(i) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term  
9             ‘eligible project’ means a project or pro-  
10           gram of projects in an area eligible for a  
11           grant under subsection (a) for—

12                     “(I) acquiring zero- or reduced-  
13           emission passenger ferries;

14                     “(II) leasing zero- or reduced-  
15           emission passenger ferries;

16                     “(III) constructing new vessels,  
17           facilities, and related equipment for  
18           zero- or reduced-emission passenger  
19           ferries;

20                     “(IV) leasing facilities and re-  
21           lated equipment for zero- or reduced-  
22           emission passenger ferries;

23                     “(V) constructing new public  
24           transportation facilities to accommo-  
25           date zero- or reduced-emission pas-  
26           senger ferries;

1                         “(VI) constructing shoreside  
2                         ferry charging or fueling infrastruc-  
3                         ture for zero- or reduced-emission  
4                         passenger ferries; or

5                         “(VII) rehabilitating or improv-  
6                         ing existing public transportation fa-  
7                         cilities to accommodate zero- or re-  
8                         duced-emission passenger ferries.

9                         “(ii) ZERO- OR REDUCED-EMISSION  
10                         PASSENGER FERRY.—

11                         “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term  
12                         ‘zero- or reduced-emission passenger  
13                         ferry’ means a passenger ferry used to  
14                         provide public transportation that re-  
15                         duces operational lifecycle emissions  
16                         by at least 75 percent through the use  
17                         of eligible technologies and fuels, that  
18                         may include utilizing onboard energy  
19                         storage systems or alternative fuels,  
20                         hybrid-electric or 100 percent electric  
21                         propulsion, related shoreside charging  
22                         or fueling infrastructure, and other  
23                         technologies deployed under normal  
24                         operation.

1                     “(iii) RECIPIENT.—The term ‘recipi-  
2                     ent’ means a designated recipient, a local  
3                     government authority, or a State that re-  
4                     ceives a grant under subsection (a).

5                     “(B) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Sec-  
6                     retary may make grants to recipients to finance  
7                     eligible projects under this paragraph.

8                     “(C) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—A grant  
9                     under this paragraph shall be subject to the  
10                    same terms and conditions as a grant under  
11                    subsection (a).

12                    “(D) COMPETITIVE PROCESS.—The Sec-  
13                    retary shall solicit grant applications and make  
14                    grants for eligible projects under this paragraph  
15                    on a competitive basis.

16                    “(E) GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS.—

17                     “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share  
18                     of the cost of an eligible project carried out  
19                     under this paragraph shall not exceed 80  
20                     percent.

21                     “(ii) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The  
22                     non-Federal share of the cost of an eligible  
23                     project carried out under this subsection  
24                     may be derived from in-kind contribu-  
25                     tions.”.

1       (b) SET ASIDE.—Section 5336(h)(1) of title 49,

2 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

3           “(1) to carry out section 5307(h)—

4              “(A) \$60,906,000 shall be set aside in fis-  
5              cal year 2022, of which, not less than  
6              \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants  
7              under section 5307(h)(4);

8              “(B) \$61,856,134 shall be set aside in fis-  
9              cal year 2023, of which, not less than  
10             \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants  
11             under section 5307(h)(4);

12             “(C) \$62,845,832 shall be set aside in fis-  
13             cal year 2024, of which, not less than  
14             \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants  
15             under section 5307(h)(4); and

16             “(D) \$63,832,511 shall be set aside in fis-  
17             cal year 2025, of which, not less than  
18             \$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants  
19             under section 5307(h)(4);”.

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