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H. R. 3620

To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to allow local hiring for transportation projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. HAHN, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) 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 “Local Hire Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. HIGHWAY PROJECTS.**

6 Section 112 of title 23, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(h) LOCAL HIRING.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, a State may establish local hiring

1 bid specifications or consider the hiring of local
2 workers in the evaluation of bids and proposals for
3 a project under this title.

4 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
5 section, the term ‘local’ means the geographic
6 boundaries of a local area, as defined by the con-
7 tracting agency, in which the project is located.”.

8 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.**

9 Section 5325 of title 49, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(k) LOCAL HIRING.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of law, a recipient of assistance under this
14 chapter may establish local hiring bid specifications
15 or consider local hiring in the evaluation of bids and
16 proposals for a project under this chapter.

17 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
18 section, the term ‘local’ means the geographic
19 boundaries of a local area, as defined by the con-
20 tracting agency, in which the project is located.”.

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