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H. R. 5355

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to submit to Congress progress reports on the development and implementation of a national plan to transition to the use of a fluorine-free firefighting foam, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. VAN ORDEN) 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 “Save Our Airports Re-
5 porting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE NATIONAL TRANSI-**
2 **TION PLAN RELATED TO A FLUORINE-FREE**
3 **FIREFIGHTING FOAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this section, and every 180 days
6 thereafter until the progress report termination date de-
7 scribed in subsection (c), the Administrator of the Federal
8 Aviation Administration, in consultation with the Adminis-
9 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the
10 Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate com-
11 mittees of Congress a progress report on the development
12 and implementation of a national transition plan related
13 to a fluorine-free firefighting foam that meets the per-
14 formance standards referenced in chapter 6 of AC No:
15 150/5210–6D and is acceptable under section 139.319(l)
16 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, for use at part
17 139 airports.

18 (b) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Each progress report
19 required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

20 (1) An assessment of the progress made by the
21 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
22 tion with respect to providing part 139 airports
23 with—

24 (A) guidance from the Environmental Pro-
25 tection Agency on acceptable environmental lim-

1 its relating to such fluorine-free firefighting
2 foam;

3 (B) guidance from the Department of De-
4 fense on the transition to a fluorine-free fire-
5 fighting foam by the Department;

6 (C) best practices for the decontamination
7 of existing aircraft rescue and firefighting vehi-
8 cles, systems, and other equipment used to de-
9 ploy firefighting foam at part 139 airports; and

10 (D) timelines for the release of policy and
11 guidance relating to part 139 airport implemen-
12 tation plans for obtaining approved military
13 specification products and firefighting personnel
14 training.

15 (2) An assessment of the progress made by the
16 Administrator with respect to providing airports that
17 are not part 139 airports and local authorities with
18 responsibility for inspection and oversight with guid-
19 ance described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
20 paragraph (1) as it relates to the use of fluorine-free
21 firefighting foam at such airports.

22 (3) Such other information as the Adminis-
23 trator determines appropriate.

24 (c) PROGRESS REPORT TERMINATION DATE.—For
25 purposes of subsection (a), the progress report termi-

1 nation date described in this subsection is the date on
2 which the Administrator notifies the appropriate commit-
3 tees of Congress that development and implementation of
4 the national transition plan described in subsection (a) is
5 complete.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
8 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
9 gress” means—

10 (A) the Committees on Transportation and
11 Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and
12 Armed Services of the House of Representa-
13 tives; and

14 (B) the Committees on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation, Environment and Public
16 Works, and Armed Services of the Senate.

17 (2) PART 139 AIRPORT.—The term “part 139
18 airport” means an airport certified under part 139
19 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

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