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H. R. 7968

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide for the establishment of a Critical Supply Chain Site Development grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SORENSEN (for himself, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. ALLRED, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Opportunities for Non-
5 developed Sites to Have Opportunities to be Rehabilitated

1 for Economic development Act of 2024” or the “ON-
2 SHORE Act of 2024”.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Section 2(a) of the Public Works and Economic De-
5 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

11 “(7) economic development in Tribal nations,
12 States, cities, and rural areas of the United States
13 can be best promoted by assisting communities and
14 regions in developing and implementing cluster-
15 based regional economic and innovation strategies
16 that strengthen critical domestic supply chains, in-
17 cluding by promoting industrial site development or
18 expansion projects for the purposes of—

19 “(A) reshoring companies to the United
20 States; and

21 “(B) incentivizing greenfield foreign direct
22 investments by companies headquartered out-
23 side the United States.”.

1 **SEC. 3. CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN SITE DEVELOPMENT**
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Public Works and
4 Economic Development Act of 1965 is amended by insert-
5 ing after section 207 (42 U.S.C. 3147) the following:

6 **“SEC. 208. CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN SITE DEVELOPMENT**
7 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish a grant program, to be known as the ‘Critical Supply
10 Chain Site Development grant program’ (referred to in
11 this section as the ‘grant program’), to provide grants to
12 eligible recipients to carry out site development or expan-
13 sion projects for the purpose of making the site ready for
14 manufacturing projects, including foreign direct invest-
15 ment projects and advanced manufacturing projects, in in-
16 dustries determined to be of strategic importance by the
17 Secretary.

18 “(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding a grant to an
19 eligible recipient under the grant program, the Secretary
20 may consider whether—

21 “(1) the proposed improvements to the site will
22 improve economic conditions for—

23 “(A) rural or Tribal communities; or

24 “(B) economically disadvantaged regions
25 experiencing chronic high unemployment,

1 underemployment, outmigration, or low per-cap-
2 ita incomes, as determined by the Secretary;

3 “(2) the project is consistent with regional eco-
4 nomic development plans, which may include a com-
5 prehensive economic development strategy; and

6 “(3) the eligible recipient has initiatives to
7 prioritize job training and workforce development.

8 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants to eligible re-
9 cipients under the grant program, the Secretary shall give
10 priority to eligible recipients that propose to carry out a
11 project that—

12 “(1) has State, local, private, or nonprofit
13 funds being contributed to assist with site develop-
14 ment efforts; and

15 “(2) supports the domestic manufacturing of
16 technologies in—

17 “(A) a key technology focus area included
18 on the list required under section 10387(a)(2)
19 of the Research and Development, Competition,
20 and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19107(a)(2))
21 (referred to in this section as a ‘key technology
22 focus area’); or

23 “(B) other industries or technology sectors
24 identified by the Secretary, in consultation with

1 the Secretary of Defense, to be critical to na-
2 tional security and economic competitiveness.

3 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under the
4 grant program may be used for the following activities re-
5 lating to the development or expansion of a site:

6 “(1) Investments in site utility readiness, in-
7 cluding—

8 “(A) construction of on-site utility infra-
9 structure;

10 “(B) construction of last-mile infrastruc-
11 ture, including road infrastructure, water infra-
12 structure, power infrastructure, broadband in-
13 frastructure, and other physical last-mile infra-
14 structure;

15 “(C) site grading; and

16 “(D) other activities to extend public utili-
17 ties or services to a site, as determined appro-
18 priate by the Secretary.

19 “(2) Investments in site readiness, including—

20 “(A) land assembly and other land or
21 property acquisition;

22 “(B) environmental reviews;

23 “(C) zoning;

24 “(D) design;

25 “(E) engineering; and

1 “(F) permitting.

2 “(3) Investments in workforce development pro-
3 grams, including job training and retraining pro-
4 grams.

5 “(4) Investments to ensure that economically
6 disadvantaged communities have access to on-site
7 jobs.

8 “(e) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—Entities eligible to re-
9 ceive a grant under this section are—

10 “(1) an economic development district;

11 “(2) an Indian tribe;

12 “(3) a State;

13 “(4) a city or other political subdivision of a
14 State, including a special purpose unit of a State or
15 local government engaged in economic or infrastruc-
16 ture development activities, or a consortium of polit-
17 ical subdivisions;

18 “(5) an institution of higher education or a con-
19 sortium of institutions of higher education; or

20 “(6) a public or private nonprofit organization
21 or association acting in cooperation with officials of
22 a political subdivision of a State.

23 “(f) MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRANTS.—Each fiscal
24 year, the Secretary shall award not fewer than 10 grants
25 under the grant program.

1 “(g) GRANT RESTRICTIONS.—In awarding grants
2 under the grant program, the Secretary shall not—

3 “(1) require an eligible recipient to demonstrate
4 that a private company or investment has selected
5 the site for development or expansion;

6 “(2) award a grant—

7 “(A) to a foreign entity of concern (as de-
8 fined in section 10612(a) of the Research and
9 Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 19221(a))); or

11 “(B) for a project that would benefit a for-
12 eign entity of concern (as so defined); or

13 “(3) award more than 20 percent of amounts
14 made available to carry out the grant program for
15 a fiscal year for projects that support any 1 par-
16 ticular key technology focus area or an industry or
17 technology sector identified under subsection
18 (c)(2)(B).

19 “(h) COST SHARING.—Notwithstanding section 204,
20 the Federal share of the cost of a project carried out with
21 an award under the grant program may be up to 100 per-
22 cent of the total project cost.

23 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry

1 out the grant program \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal
2 years 2024 through 2028.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
4 contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and Eco-
5 nomic Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89–136) is
6 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
7 207 the following:

“Sec. 208. Critical supply chain site development grant program.”.

8 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS IN PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER**
9 **PROJECTED COST.**

10 Section 211(a) of the Public Works and Economic
11 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3151(a)) is amend-
12 ed, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking
13 “section 201 or 209” and inserting “section 201, 208, or
14 209”.

15 **SEC. 5. DIRECT EXPENDITURE OR REDISTRIBUTION BY RE-**
16 **CIPIENT.**

17 Section 217(a) of the Public Works and Economic
18 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3154e(a)) is amend-
19 ed by striking “section 201, 203, or 207” and inserting
20 “section 201, 203, 207, or 208”.

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