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S. 1659

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to study and report on the extent and effects of the commercial aviation pilot shortage on regional/commuter carriers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Sustain Regional Air
5 Travel Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE EXTENT AND EF-**
2 **FECTS OF THE COMMERCIAL AVIATION**
3 **PILOT SHORTAGE ON REGIONAL/COMMUTER**
4 **CARRIERS.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United
6 States (in this section referred to as the “Comptroller
7 General”) shall conduct a study to identify the extent and
8 effects of the commercial aviation pilot shortage on re-
9 gional/commuter carriers (as such term is defined in sec-
10 tion 41719(d) of title 49, United States Code).

11 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 12 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
13 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
14 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
15 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives a report containing the results of the study
17 conducted under subsection (a), together with rec-
18 ommendations for such legislation and administrative ac-
19 tion as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.

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