

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To ensure certain projects related to natural hazards and emergency management are eligible for funding under the Federal Aviation Administration's airport improvement program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. BUDD)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:
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3 **SEC. ____ . ENSURING THAT CERTAIN PROJECTS RELATED**
4 **TO NATURAL HAZARDS AND EMERGENCY**
5 **MANAGEMENT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING**
6 **UNDER THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINIS-**
7 **TRATION'S AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PRO-**
8 **GRAM.**

9 (a) INTERMODAL PLANNING.—Section 47101(g) of
10 title 49, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), in the second sentence, by
2 inserting “(including long-term resilience from the
3 impact of natural hazards and severe weather
4 events)” after “environmental”; and

5 (2) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
7 “and” at the end;

8 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following new
11 subparagraph:

12 “(E) consider the impact of hazardous
13 weather events on long-term operational resil-
14 ience.”.

15 (b) DEFINITION OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT.—Sec-
16 tion 47102(3) of title 49, United States Code, as amended
17 by section 601, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new subparagraphs:

19 “(W) improvements, supported by planning
20 or resiliency studies, or planning for improve-
21 ments, of primary runways, taxiways, and
22 aprons necessary at an airport to increase oper-
23 ational resilience to prepare the airport for re-
24 suming or maintaining flight operations in the
25 event of an earthquake, flooding, high water,

1 sea level rise, a hurricane, a tropical storm, a
2 cyclone, storm surge, a tidal wave, a tornado, a
3 tsunami, wind driven water, wildfire, land insta-
4 bility, or a winter storm.

5 “(X)(i) in the case of an airport that meets
6 each of the requirements described in clause
7 (ii)—

8 “(I) planning for disaster prepared-
9 ness associated with maintaining airport
10 operations during a natural disaster;

11 “(II) acquiring airport communication
12 equipment and fixed emergency generators
13 that are not eligible for funding under pro-
14 grams funded under the Department of
15 Homeland Security; and

16 “(III) constructing, expanding, or im-
17 proving airfield infrastructure to include
18 aprons and terminal buildings the Sec-
19 retary of Transportation determines will
20 facilitate disaster response at the airport.

21 “(ii) The requirements described in this
22 clause are the following:

23 “(I) The airport and the facilities and
24 fixed-based operators on, or connected
25 with, the airport are operated and main-

1 tained in a manner the Secretary of Trans-
2 portation considers suitable for disaster re-
3 lief. An airport shall not be considered as
4 failing to meet the requirement under the
5 preceding sentence if a runway is unusable
6 because the runway is under scheduled
7 maintenance or is in need of necessary re-
8 pairs.

9 “(II) The airport has developed an
10 emergency natural disaster management
11 plan in coordination with State and local
12 officials.”.