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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To establish a pilot program under which recipients of grants from the Federal Aviation Administration may use social or economic contracting requirements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1405

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, 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 Ms. DUCKWORTH

Viz:

1 At the end of title V, add the following:

2 **SEC. 5020. PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF SOCIAL AND ECO-**
3 **NOMIC CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS**
4 **UNDER FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA-**
5 **TION GRANTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
7 shall establish a pilot program under which a sponsor that
8 receives a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration
9 to carry out a project may use social or economic con-
10 tracting requirements, such as local or other geographic
11 labor hiring preferences, economic-based labor hiring pref-

1 erences, or hiring preferences for veterans, in entering into
2 contracts to carry out that project.

3 (b) MODEL.—The pilot program established under
4 subsection (a) shall be modeled after the pilot program
5 announced by the Department of Transportation in the
6 Federal Register on March 6, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 12257)
7 under which recipients of grants from the Federal High-
8 way Administration or the Federal Transit Administration
9 may use social or economic contracting requirements.

10 (c) TERMINATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The pilot program estab-
12 lished under subsection (a) shall terminate on the
13 date that is 3 years after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act.

15 (2) APPLICABILITY TO CONTRACTS.—Con-
16 tracting requirements authorized under the pilot
17 program established under subsection (a) shall con-
18 tinue to apply to a contract awarded under the pilot
19 program before the termination date specified in
20 paragraph (1) until the termination date of the con-
21 tract.

22 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the termination of the pilot program under sub-
24 section (c)(1), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
25 report assessing—

1 (1) the effects of the use of contracting require-
2 ments described in subsection (a) under the pilot
3 program on the competitive bidding process for con-
4 tracts to carry out projects for which the Federal
5 Aviation Administration provided grants; and

6 (2) the advisability of authorizing the use of
7 such requirements on an ongoing basis.

8 (e) GUIDELINES.—A sponsor using contracting re-
9 quirements described in subsection (a) for a project under
10 the pilot program established under that subsection shall
11 submit to the Secretary information necessary for the re-
12 port required by subsection (d), including—

13 (1) information on the effects of using such
14 contracting requirements on—

15 (A) the competitive bidding process for
16 contracts to carry out the project; and

17 (B) the costs of the project;

18 (2) information on the social and economic ef-
19 fects of using such contracting requirements;

20 (3) information on the effects of using such
21 contracting requirements on veterans; and

22 (4) such other information relating to the pilot
23 program as the Secretary may request.