

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To modify a provision relating to an Amtrak daily long-distance study.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.**

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To authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. TESTER

Viz:

1 Strike section 2214 and insert the following:

2 **SEC. 2214. AMTRAK DAILY LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE**  
3 **STUDY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a  
5 study to evaluate the restoration of daily intercity rail pas-  
6 senger service along—

7 (1) any Amtrak long-distance routes that, as of  
8 the date of enactment of this Act, were discontinued;  
9 and

10 (2) any Amtrak long-distance routes that, as of  
11 the date of enactment of this Act, occur on a  
12 nondaily basis.

1 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study under subsection (a)  
2 shall—

3 (1) evaluate all options for restoring or enhanc-  
4 ing to daily-basis intercity rail passenger service  
5 along each Amtrak route described in that sub-  
6 section;

7 (2) select a preferred option for restoring or en-  
8 hancing the service described in paragraph (1);

9 (3) develop a prioritized inventory of capital  
10 projects and other actions that are required to re-  
11 store or enhance the service described in paragraph  
12 (1), including cost estimates for those projects and  
13 actions;

14 (4) develop recommendations for methods by  
15 which Amtrak could work with local communities  
16 and organizations to develop activities and programs  
17 to continuously improve public use of intercity pas-  
18 senger rail service along each route; and

19 (5) identify Federal and non-Federal funding  
20 sources required to restore or enhance the service  
21 described in paragraph (1), including—

22 (A) increased Federal funding for Amtrak  
23 based on applicable reductions or  
24 discontinuations in service; and

1 (B) options for entering into public-private  
2 partnerships to restore that service.

3 (c) OTHER FACTORS WHEN CONSIDERING EXPAN-  
4 SIONS.—In evaluating intercity passenger rail routes  
5 under this section, the Secretary may evaluate potential  
6 new Amtrak long-distance routes, including with specific  
7 attention provided to routes in service as of April 1971  
8 but not continued by Amtrak, taking into consideration  
9 whether those new routes would—

10 (1) link and serve large and small communities  
11 as part of a regional rail network;

12 (2) advance the economic and social well-being  
13 of rural areas of the United States;

14 (3) provide enhanced connectivity for the na-  
15 tional long-distance passenger rail system; and

16 (4) reflect public engagement and local and re-  
17 gional support for restored passenger rail service.

18 (d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under  
19 this section, the Secretary shall consult, through working  
20 groups or other forums as the Secretary determines to be  
21 appropriate, with—

22 (1) Amtrak;

23 (2) each State along a relevant route;

24 (3) regional transportation planning organiza-  
25 tions and metropolitan planning organizations, mu-

1 municipalities, and communities along those relevant  
2 routes, to be selected by the Secretary;

3 (4) host railroad carriers the tracks of which  
4 may be used for a service described in subsection  
5 (a);

6 (5) organizations representing onboard Amtrak  
7 employees;

8 (6) nonprofit organizations representing Am-  
9 trak passengers;

10 (7) relevant regional passenger rail authorities  
11 and federally recognized Indian Tribes; and

12 (8) such other entities as the Secretary may se-  
13 lect.

14 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
15 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
16 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
17 of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and  
18 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report  
19 that includes—

20 (1) the preferred options selected under sub-  
21 section (b)(2), including the reasons for selecting  
22 each option;

23 (2) the information described in subsection  
24 (b)(3);

1           (3) the funding sources identified pursuant to  
2 subsection (b)(5);

3           (4) the estimated costs and public benefits of  
4 restoring or enhancing intercity rail passenger trans-  
5 portation in the region impacted for each relevant  
6 Amtrak route; and

7           (5) any other information the Secretary deter-  
8 mines to be appropriate.

9           (f) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-  
10 priated to the Secretary to conduct the study under this  
11 section and to carry out the consultations required by sub-  
12 section (d)—

13           (1) \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

14           (2) \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2023.