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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a study and reports on the travel and tourism activities of the Department of Transportation.

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. ROSEN

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . STUDY AND REPORTS ON THE TRAVEL AND**
3 **TOURISM ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
6 a study (referred to in this section as the “study”)
7 on the travel and tourism activities within the De-
8 partment.

9 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The study shall evaluate
10 how the Department evaluates travel and tourism
11 needs or criteria in considering applications for
12 grants under the grant programs of the Department.

1 (b) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.—Not later than 1
2 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
4 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
5 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report on the results of the study, which
7 shall include—

8 (1) an identification of how the Department
9 currently evaluates travel and tourism needs or cri-
10 teria in considering applications for grants under the
11 grant programs of the Department;

12 (2) a description of any actions that the De-
13 partment will take to improve the evaluation of
14 tourism- and travel-related criteria in considering
15 applications for grants under those grant programs;
16 and

17 (3) recommendations as to any statutory or
18 regulatory changes that may be required to enhance
19 the consideration by the Department of travel and
20 tourism needs or criteria in considering applications
21 for grants under those grant programs.

22 (c) GAO ASSESSMENT AND REPORT.—

23 (1) ASSESSMENT.—The Comptroller General of
24 the United States shall conduct an assessment of the
25 existing resources of the Department used to con-

1 duct travel- and tourism-related activities, including
2 the consideration of travel and tourism needs or cri-
3 teria in considering applications for grants under the
4 grant programs of the Department, in order to iden-
5 tify—

6 (A) any resources needed by the Depart-
7 ment; and

8 (B) any barriers to carrying out those ac-
9 tivities.

10 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
12 General of the United States shall submit to the
13 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
14 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
15 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives a report on the assessment conducted
17 under paragraph (1), which shall include—

18 (A) recommendations for improving the
19 evaluation and consideration by the Department
20 of travel and tourism with respect to the discre-
21 tionary grant programs of the Department;

22 (B) an assessment of the resources needed
23 to carry out the tourism- and travel-related ac-
24 tivities of the Department;

1 (C) an assessment of any barriers to car-
2 rying out activities relating to travel and tour-
3 ism; and

4 (D) recommendations for improving the
5 ability of the Department to carry out activities
6 relating to travel and tourism, which may in-
7 clude proposed statutory or regulatory changes
8 that may be needed to facilitate those activities.