

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To provide certainty for airport funding.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CRUZ, and Ms. DUCKWORTH)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Airport Infrastructure
5 Readiness Act of 2020” or the “AIR Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPORTION-**
7 **MENTS TO PRIMARY AIRPORTS.**

8 Section 47114(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(J) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEARS
11 2022 AND 2023.—Notwithstanding subparagraph

1 (A) and the absence of scheduled passenger air-
2 craft service at an airport, the Secretary shall
3 apportion in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the
4 sponsor of the airport an amount based on the
5 number of passenger boardings at the airport
6 during whichever of the following years that
7 would result in the highest apportioned amount:

8 “(i) Calendar year 2018.

9 “(ii) Calendar year 2019.

10 “(iii) The prior full calendar year
11 prior to the current fiscal year.”.

12 **SEC. 3. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CONTRACT PROGRAM.**

13 Notwithstanding section 47124(d)(1)(B) of title 49,
14 United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation shall
15 not calculate a benefit-to-cost ratio with respect to an air
16 traffic control tower participating in the Contract Tower
17 Program on the basis of an annual aircraft traffic de-
18 crease in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.