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S. 5583

To express findings relating to the recreational trails program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. BUDD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “RTP Full Funding
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the recreational trails program under sec-
9 tion 206 of title 23, United States Code—

1 (A) funds development and maintenance of
2 valuable trail infrastructure across the United
3 States;

4 (B) benefits millions of diverse trail users,
5 including users who participate in hiking, bicy-
6 cling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-
7 country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road
8 motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, 4-wheel
9 off-highway vehicle driving, and other off-road
10 motorized vehicle use;

11 (C)(i) embraces the user-pay-user-benefit
12 model of the Highway Trust Fund;

13 (ii) is funded by a Federal tax on fuel used
14 for nonhighway recreation;

15 (iii) is funded on an annual basis of ap-
16 proximately \$84,000,000; and

17 (iv) does not receive the amounts collected
18 from the average annual fuel tax,
19 \$281,000,000, that are paid into the Highway
20 Trust Fund by nonhighway recreation vehicles;

21 (D) contributes significantly to national
22 transportation, economic development, health,
23 public land access and enjoyment, and other na-
24 tional priorities; and

1 (E) should be funded at a level commensu-
2 rate with tax contributions from nonhighway
3 vehicle recreation;

4 (2) to ensure that Federal taxes collected from
5 nonhighway recreation are appropriately returned to
6 the States for the recreational trails program de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1), an accurate estimate of the
8 total amount of nonhighway fuel taxes collected—

9 (A) is necessary; and

10 (B) should be provided to Congress by the
11 Federal Highway Administration at least 1 year
12 before the date on which funding for Federal-
13 aid highways, highway safety programs, and
14 transit programs is anticipated to expire; and

15 (3) the recreational trails program under sec-
16 tion 206 of title 23, United States Code, should be
17 carried out through funding made available under
18 section 133(h) of that title (commonly known as the
19 “Transportation Alternatives program”) without af-
20 fecting other Federal highway programs.

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