

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3648

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for the deployment of innovative real-time transcription and translation technology to improve the transit rider experience for deaf, hard of hearing, and limited English proficient individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Mr. MULLIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Transit Captions Inno-  
5       vations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INNOVATIONS IN LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY.**

2 Section 5312(e)(3) of title 49, United States Code,  
3 is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (B), by striking “or” at the  
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (C), by striking the period at  
7 the end and inserting “; or”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(D) the deployment of real-time tran-  
10 scription and translation technology to improve  
11 the rider experience for deaf, hard of hearing,  
12 and limited English proficient individuals.”.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 Section 5338(a)(2)(G) of title 49, United States  
15 Code, is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (i), by striking “and” at the  
17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (ii), by inserting “and” at the  
19 end; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(iii) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2027,  
22 \$4,100,000 for fiscal year 2028,  
23 \$4,202,500 for fiscal year 2029,  
24 \$4,307,562 for fiscal year 2030, and  
25 \$4,415,251 for fiscal year 2031 shall be

1 available to carry out projects eligible  
2 under section 5312(e)(3)(D);”.

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