

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3054

To support the fiscal year 2000 proposed budget.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 1999

Mr. WEYGAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

To support the fiscal year 2000 proposed budget.

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. REGIONAL CONNECTIONS.**

4 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
5 is authorized to make competitive grants under this sec-
6 tion for the purpose of improving regional growth patterns
7 through interjurisdictional cooperation in the planning
8 and implementation of development strategies and
9 projects. Such interjurisdictional cooperation may include
10 the coordinated use of Federal, State, and local housing
11 and community development, transportation, workforce
12 and economic development, environmental, and other

1 funds. Grants under this section shall be awarded to con-
2 sortia of units of general local government, or to consortia
3 of units of general local government and a State or States.
4 Grants may be provided to regional entities, including
5 Councils of Governments and Metropolitan Planning Or-
6 ganizations, formally designated to administer such grants
7 by units of general local government and States that are
8 members of consortia. An application for a grant under
9 this section shall include, at a minimum, documentation
10 as to the membership and operating principles of the con-
11 sortium; proposed uses of grant amounts by the consor-
12 tium for improving regional growth patterns, including ex-
13 plicit approval of such uses by all units of general local
14 government that are directly affected by such uses; and
15 efforts to encourage and enlist participation of private for-
16 profit and nonprofit entities. The Secretary shall establish
17 selection criteria for grants under this section, and shall
18 consider the extent to which activities proposed in an ap-
19 plication may be coordinated with other Federal planning
20 requirements and assistance. For purposes of environ-
21 mental review, a grant under this section shall be treated
22 as assistance that is subject to section 104(g) of the Hous-
23 ing and Community Development Act of 1974, and shall
24 be subject to the regulations issued by the Secretary to
25 implement such section. For purposes of labor standards,

1 a grant under this section shall be treated as assistance
2 that is subject to section 110 of the Housing and Commu-
3 nity Development Act of 1974. To carry out this section,
4 there are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for
5 fiscal year 2000, to remain available until September 30,
6 2002, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
7 thereafter.

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