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# H. R. 3697

To amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt airports in economically depressed communities from matching grant obligations under the airport improvement program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California 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. INCREASED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**  
4                       **SHARE OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PRO-**  
5                       **GRAM PROJECT COSTS.**

6       Section 47109 of title 49, United States Code, is  
7       amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “subsection  
2 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (d)”; and

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

4 “(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR ECONOMICALLY DE-  
5 PRESSED COMMUNITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Govern-  
7 ment’s share of allowable project costs is 100 per-  
8 cent for a project at an airport that is located in a  
9 community that, at the time a project grant applica-  
10 tion is submitted under section 47105, is an eco-  
11 nomically depressed community.

12 “(2) ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED COMMUNITY  
13 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘economically  
14 depressed community’ means a unit of local govern-  
15 ment that the Secretary of Transportation deter-  
16 mines has—

17 “(A) an unemployment rate that is, for the  
18 most recent 24-month period for which data are  
19 available, at least 1 percent greater than the  
20 national average unemployment rate;

21 “(B) per capita income that is, for the  
22 most recent period for which data are available,  
23 80 percent or less of the national average per  
24 capita income; or

“(C) a special need arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from severe short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions, such as—

“(i) substantial outmigration or population loss;

“(ii) underemployment;

“(iii) military base closures or realignments, defense contractor reductions-in-force, or Department of Energy defense-related funding reductions;

“(iv) natural or other major disasters or emergencies;

“(v) extraordinary depletion of natural resources;

“(vi) closure or restructuring of industrial firms essential to area economies;

and

“(vii) destructive impacts of foreign trade.”.

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