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S. 365

To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a program to make allocations to States for projects to expand 2-lane highways in rural areas to 4-lane highways.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2003

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. COCHRAN) 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 “Rural Four-Lane
5 Highway Safety and Development Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. RURAL 4-LANE HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 23, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting after section 138 the following:

1 **“§ 139. Rural 4-lane highway development program**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) 2-LANE HIGHWAY.—The term ‘2-lane high-
4 way’ means a highway that has not more than 1
5 lane of traffic in each direction.

6 “(2) 4-LANE HIGHWAY.—The term ‘4-lane high-
7 way’ means a highway that has 2 lanes of traffic in
8 each direction.

9 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
10 shall establish and carry out a program to make alloca-
11 tions to States for projects, consisting of planning, design,
12 environmental review, and construction, to expand eligible
13 2-lane highways in rural areas to 4-lane highways.

14 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive an al-
15 location under this section, a State shall submit to the
16 Secretary an application at such time, in such form, and
17 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

18 “(d) ELIGIBLE HIGHWAYS.—The Secretary may
19 make allocations under this section only for projects to
20 expand 2-lane highways that are on—

21 “(1) the National Highway System; or

22 “(2) a high priority corridor identified under
23 section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transpor-
24 tation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032).

1 “(e) PRIORITY IN SELECTION.—In making alloca-
2 tions under this section, the Secretary shall give priority
3 to—

4 “(1) projects to improve highway safety on the
5 most dangerous rural 2-lane highways on the Na-
6 tional Highway System;

7 “(2) projects carried out on rural highways
8 with respect to which the annual volume of commer-
9 cial vehicle traffic—

10 “(A) has increased since the date of enact-
11 ment of the North American Free Trade Agree-
12 ment Implementation Act (107 Stat. 2057); or

13 “(B) is expected to increase after the date
14 of enactment of this section;

15 “(3) projects carried out on rural highways
16 with high levels of commercial truck traffic; and

17 “(4) projects on highway corridors that will
18 help stimulate regional economic growth and devel-
19 opment in rural areas.

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 is authorized to be appropriated from the Highway Trust
22 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out
23 this section \$300,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004
24 through 2009.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
2 chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by
3 inserting after the item relating to section 138 the fol-
4 lowing:

“139. Rural 4-lane highway development program.”

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