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H. R. 3634

To establish, not less than 1 but not more than 3, National Transportation Security Research Centers at institutions of higher education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2005

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY RE-**
4 **SEARCH CENTERS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
6 Security shall establish, not less than 1 but not more than
7 3, National Transportation Security Research Centers at
8 institutions of higher education to conduct research and
9 education, and to develop or provide professional training,

1 including the training of public transportation employees
2 and public transportation-related professionals, with em-
3 phasis on utilization of intelligent transportation systems,
4 technologies, and architectures.

5 (b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall select a Center
6 according to the following selection criteria:

7 (1) The demonstrated commitment of the insti-
8 tution to transportation security issues.

9 (2) The use of and experience with partnerships
10 with other institutions of higher education, Federal
11 laboratories, or other nonprofit laboratories.

12 (3) Capability to conduct both practical and
13 theoretical research and technical systems analysis.

14 (4) Utilization of intelligent transportation sys-
15 tem technologies and architectures.

16 (5) Ability to develop professional training pro-
17 grams.

18 (6) Capability and willingness to conduct edu-
19 cation of transportation security professionals.

20 (7) Such other criteria that the Secretary may
21 designate.

22 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “institution of higher
23 education” has the meaning given such term in section
24 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
25 1001).

1 (d) REPORTING.—Not less than once each year, the
2 director of each Center shall report to the appropriate
3 committees of Congress regarding the effectiveness of the
4 Center's programs.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
7 necessary to carry out this section.

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