

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 237

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. DEFAZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

# 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

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 (e)”; and

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 receiving sub-  
9       sidized air service under subchapter II of chapter  
10      417 and that is located in a community that, at the  
11      time a project grant application is submitted under  
12      section 47105, is an economically depressed commu-  
13      nity.

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

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

1           80 percent or less of the national average per  
2           capita income; or

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

8               “(i) substantial outmigration or popu-  
9               lation loss;

10              “(ii) underemployment;

11              “(iii) military base closures or realign-  
12              ments, defense contractor reductions-in-  
13              force, or Department of Energy defense-re-  
14              lated funding reductions;

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

17              “(v) extraordinary depletion of nat-  
18              ural resources;

19              “(vi) closure or restructuring of in-  
20              dustrial firms essential to area economies;  
21              and

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

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