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H. R. 3837

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bridge to Jobs Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. BRIDGE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
7 may provide a grant to each State that meets the require-
8 ments of subsection (b) to repair or replace a structurally

1 deficient bridge as determined by the Federal Highway
2 Administration.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under this Act, a State shall—

5 (1) apply to the Secretary at such time and in
6 such manner as the Secretary may reasonably re-
7 quire, but not later than 2 years after the Secretary
8 begins accepting applications;

9 (2) certify that any funds received under this
10 Act shall be used only to pay for the costs directly
11 or indirectly related to the repair or replacement of
12 the bridge selected by such State; and

13 (3) include in its application, projected costs of
14 such project, and its proposal regarding whether to
15 repair or replace such bridge.

16 (c) APPLICATION ACCEPTABILITY.—If the Secretary
17 determines that an application is incomplete or unaccept-
18 able, the Secretary shall advise the State of the reasons
19 for rejection. The State may address the inadequacies in
20 the application and reapply during the 2-year period re-
21 ferred to in subsection (b)(1).

22 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives funds
23 under this Act may use such funds for any costs directly
24 or indirectly related to the repair or replacement of the
25 selected bridge, including administrative expenses and any

1 job training program established for the bridge repair or
2 replacement project.

3 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
4 year after a State receives grant funds under this Act and
5 each year thereafter until the bridge repair or replacement
6 project is completed, such State shall submit a report to
7 the Secretary detailing the progress of the project and ac-
8 count for all expenses related to the project.

9 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be ap-
11 propriated \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2013 to
12 carry out this Act and such funds shall remain avail-
13 able until the end of the 2-year period referred to in
14 subsection (b)(1).

15 (2) GRANT AWARDS.—The Secretary may
16 award each State that is eligible for a grant under
17 this Act not more than \$10,000,000.

18 (3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The Secretary
19 may award grants under this Act for the 2-year pe-
20 riod referred to in subsection (b)(1).

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