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H. R. 4005

To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to allow local hiring for transportation projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Ms. BASS (for herself, Ms. HAHN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California) 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 “Local Hire Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. HIGHWAY PROJECTS.**

6 Section 112 of title 23, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(h) LOCAL HIRING.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
 2 provision of law, a State may establish local hiring
 3 bid specifications or consider the hiring of local
 4 workers in the evaluation of bids and proposals for
 5 a project under this title.

6 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
 7 section, the term ‘local’ means the geographic
 8 boundaries of a local area, as defined by the con-
 9 tracting agency, in which the project is located.”.

10 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.**

11 Section 5325 of title 49, United States Code, is
 12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(1) LOCAL HIRING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
 15 provision of law, a recipient of assistance under this
 16 chapter may establish local hiring bid specifications
 17 or consider local hiring in the evaluation of bids and
 18 proposals for a project under this chapter.

19 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
 20 section, the term ‘local’ means the geographic
 21 boundaries of a local area, as defined by the con-
 22 tracting agency, in which the project is located.”.

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