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To authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to conduct a pilot program for investment in infrastructure projects at NASA Centers.

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Mrs. MOODY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Space Ready 2.0 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
2 tion” means the National Aeronautics and Space
3 Administration.

4 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
5 trator” means the Administrator of the National
6 Aeronautics and Space Administration.

7 (3) COMMON USE INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
8 term “common use infrastructure”—

9 (A) means any infrastructure that benefits
10 1 or more NASA Center users;

11 (B) includes roadways and commodities
12 pipelines and portions of roadways and com-
13 modities pipelines; and

14 (C) does not include any infrastructure
15 that solely benefits the National Aeronautics
16 and Space Administration.

17 (4) NASA.—The term “NASA” means the Na-
18 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration.

19 (5) PROJECT.—The term “project” means any
20 work performed in support of a common activity or
21 infrastructure effort under 1 or more common use
22 infrastructure agreements entered into pursuant to
23 this Act, regardless of whether such work is con-
24 ducted pursuant to a single agreement or multiple

1 separate agreements with different commercial enti-
2 ties.

3 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVEST-**
4 **MENTS AT NASA CENTERS.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Administrator may con-
6 duct a pilot program for private and public investment in
7 specific infrastructure projects at 1 or more NASA Cen-
8 ters.

9 (b) AGREEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF COMMON USE IN-
10 FRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

11 (1) FUNDING.—

12 (A) VOLUNTARY INFRASTRUCTURE CON-
13 TRIBUTIONS.—The Administrator may enter
14 into agreements under section 20113(e) of title
15 51, United States Code, involving transactions
16 that support public and commercial activities at
17 1 or more NASA Centers, and such agreements
18 may include the authority to collect voluntary
19 infrastructure contributions to fund specific
20 capital repair, maintenance, and improvement
21 projects described in paragraph (2).

22 (B) TRANSPARENCY.—

23 (i) COST AND SCHEDULE ESTI-
24 MATES.—In any agreement that includes
25 the means for voluntary contributions de-

scribed in this section, the Administrator shall establish a reasonable cost and schedule baseline for each project.

(ii) PROJECT COMPLETION.—At the conclusion of each designated project, the Administrator shall provide each contributing commercial entity with a final project cost, including a breakdown of cost sharing between government and commercial entities.

(C) PROJECT COSTS AND TIMELINES.—

The Administrator shall—

(i) to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the projects described in this section are completed within the cost estimates and timelines established under subparagraph (B)(i); and

(ii) exercise streamlined acquisition procedures to the maximum extent allowed by law.

(D) COST-SHARING.—The Administrator shall ensure that any agreement entered into with a commercial entity under subparagraph (A) provides that, at the conclusion of the project, any funds contributed by the commer-

1 cial entity that remain unexpended shall be re-
2 turned to such entity in proportion to the
3 amount originally contributed by the partner.

4 (E) NONCONDITIONING OF AGREE-
5 MENTS.—The Administrator shall not withhold
6 execution of any agreement under section
7 20113(e) of title 51, United States Code, or
8 deny a lease or other authorization for commer-
9 cial activities on the basis of a failure to reach
10 agreement on the amount or terms of contribu-
11 tions described in this section.

12 (F) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO
13 AGREEMENTS.—Each agreement entered into
14 with a commercial entity under subparagraph
15 (A) shall, on a case-by-case basis—

16 (i) address the terms of use, owner-
17 ship, and disposition of the funds, services,
18 or equipment contributed pursuant to the
19 agreement;

20 (ii) include a provision that the com-
21 mercial entity will not recover the costs of
22 its contribution through any other agree-
23 ment with the United States; and

1 (iii) include a provision that mutually
 2 determines which entity covers costs in the
 3 event of cost overruns or project delays.

4 (G) CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
 5 COMPLIANCE AND RESTORATION (CECR)
 6 FUNDS.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the
 8 availability of appropriations, the Adminis-
 9 trator is authorized to use amounts other-
 10 wise made available within the Construc-
 11 tion and Environmental Compliance and
 12 Restoration account to fulfill the obliga-
 13 tions entered into by the Administrator
 14 under agreements pursuant to this section.

15 (ii) RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—Amounts
 16 received by the Administrator pursuant to
 17 agreements entered into under subpara-
 18 graph (A) shall be credited to and merged
 19 with the Construction and Environmental
 20 Compliance and Restoration account and
 21 shall be available subject to the same
 22 terms and conditions as amounts appro-
 23 priated to that account.

24 (H) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER ENTI-
 25 TIES.—The Administrator may enter into

1 agreements for voluntary contributions from
2 other entities, including Federal, State, or local
3 authorities, for the purpose of funding projects.

4 (I) DIRECT AGREEMENTS.—

5 (i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Noth-
6 ing in this subtitle may be construed to re-
7 strict the Administrator from entering into
8 direct agreements under section 20113(e)
9 of title 51, United States Code, with enti-
10 ties to perform work within a NASA Cen-
11 ter separate from the activities funded
12 through projects.

13 (ii) PRIORITIZATION.—The Adminis-
14 trator shall prioritize such direct agree-
15 ments in instances in which required work
16 would be completed more expeditiously or
17 at a lower cost than through the pilot pro-
18 gram described in this section.

19 (iii) DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS.—The
20 Administrator may make direct financial
21 or in-kind contributions to projects under-
22 taken by commercial entities under agree-
23 ments entered into under clause (i), as the
24 Administrator considers appropriate to

1 support common use infrastructure at a
2 NASA Center.

3 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Contributions proffered
5 by entities under agreements in support of
6 projects shall be used by the Administrator to
7 conduct capital repairs, maintenance, and im-
8 provements to NASA-owned infrastructure at a
9 NASA Center, as the Administrator considers
10 necessary to support activities conducted under
11 agreements entered into under section 20113(e)
12 of title 51, United States Code, which may in-
13 clude renovation, rehabilitation, sustainment,
14 demolition, construction, operation, mainte-
15 nance, repair, enhancement, expansion, and
16 modernization of NASA-owned infrastructure at
17 a NASA Center.

18 (B) CONSULTATION.—The Administrator
19 shall consult and partner with other Federal,
20 State, and local public entities—

21 (i) to ensure that such projects are
22 not duplicative; and

23 (ii) to identify opportunities for
24 projects to provide increased capability or
25 capacity to users.

1 (C) TREATMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS.—Im-
2 provements made to NASA-owned infrastruc-
3 ture at a NASA Center with amounts made
4 available under a voluntary agreements under
5 this section shall be property of the United
6 States, unless the Administrator determines
7 that transferring ownership of such improve-
8 ments would be in the best interests of the
9 United States.

10 (D) UNEXPENDED CONTRIBUTIONS.—For
11 any voluntary contributions from a commercial
12 entity designated to a specific project that are
13 not fully expended on that project within 90
14 days of the project becoming operational, the
15 Administrator shall, at the election of the con-
16 tributing commercial entity—

17 (i) refund the unexpended portion to
18 the entity; or

19 (ii) allow the commercial entity to re-
20 designate the funds to another eligible
21 project under this subsection.

22 (3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
24 nually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to
25 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

1 portation of the Senate and the Committee on
2 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of
3 Representatives a report on projects conducted
4 under this section that includes the following:

5 (A) For the preceding calendar year, the
6 total amount of expenditures on projects by
7 NASA and industry.

8 (B) The proposed uses of amounts contrib-
9 uted by NASA and industry for the operating
10 plans of the Administration.

11 (C) Additional recommendations for efforts
12 to streamline or reduce costs for each agreed
13 upon project described in this section.

14 (4) UPDATES.—Not less frequently than every
15 2 years, the Administrator, in collaboration with
16 commercial entities, shall submit to the Committee
17 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
18 Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and
19 Technology of the House of Representatives interim
20 milestone updates relating to the pilot program
21 under this section.

22 (5) TERMINATION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The authority to collect
24 voluntary contributions under paragraph (1)(A)
25 shall terminate on December 31, 2031.

1 (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The termi-
2 nation under subparagraph (A) of the authority
3 to collect voluntary contributions may not be
4 construed to otherwise affect the validity or
5 terms of agreements under section 20113(e) of
6 title 51, United States Code, or the retention or
7 use by the Administration of proceeds from
8 such agreements.

9 (6) PROHIBITION ON NEW BUDGET AUTHOR-
10 ITY.—Nothing in this subtitle may be construed to
11 provide new budget authority to incur obligations in
12 advance of appropriations.

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