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# H. R. 2163

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to make grants to ports to enable ports to employ high school students during the summer.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Ms. HAHN (for herself and Mr. FATTAH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Port Opportunity Re-  
5 investment and Training Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
8 tation (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall

1 establish a program to make grants to ports to enable  
2 ports to employ high school students during the summer.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—In order to receive a grant under  
4 the program established under subsection (a), the author-  
5 ity in charge of a port shall submit an application at such  
6 time, in such form, and with such information and assur-  
7 ances as the Secretary may require, including an assur-  
8 ance that no worker will be displaced or terminated be-  
9 cause of the creation of temporary summer employment  
10 for students.

11 (c) PRIORITY.—In considering applications for a  
12 grant under this section and in determining the grant  
13 amount for each port awarded a grant under this section,  
14 the Secretary shall give priority to a port located in a city  
15 with a high rate of unemployment, and shall also con-  
16 sider—

17 (1) the cargo volume of the port; and

18 (2) the size of the surrounding city.

19 (d) GRANT AMOUNT.—Amounts awarded under this  
20 section shall not exceed \$1,000,000 per port per fiscal  
21 year.

22 (e) GRANT DURATION.—A grant awarded under this  
23 section shall be for a 1-year period and may be renewed  
24 based on such criteria as the Secretary may require. The  
25 authority in charge of the port shall return any amounts

1 awarded but not expended to the Secretary at the end of  
2 the grant period.

3 (f) USES OF FUNDS.—

4 (1) REQUIRED USES.—A port receiving a grant  
5 under this section shall use such funds to—

6 (A) provide summer jobs for students—

7 (i) aged 14 through 19;

8 (ii) who are enrolled in high school at  
9 the time they apply for a job with the port;  
10 and

11 (iii) live within the Metropolitan Sta-  
12 tistical Area, as defined by the Office of  
13 Management and Budget, in which the  
14 port is located; and

15 (B) compensate the student employees in  
16 accordance with applicable State and Federal  
17 wage statutes.

18 (2) PERMITTED USES.—A port receiving a  
19 grant under this section may use such funds to pro-  
20 vide job training for student employees described in  
21 paragraph (1), provided that no more than 15 per-  
22 cent of the students' time may be spent on such  
23 training, and the students are compensated at their  
24 normal rate of pay for participation in such training.

1           (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
3 out this section such sums as may be necessary for each  
4 of fiscal years 2014 through 2016.

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