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# H. R. 4110

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2019

Ms. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. STAUBER) 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 “Helping Communities  
5 Invest in Infrastructure Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF SET-ASIDE.**

7 Section 605(f)(1) of title 23, United States Code, is  
8 amended by striking “\$2,000,000” and inserting  
9 “\$3,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNO-**  
2 **VATIVE FINANCE BUREAU.**

3 (a) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.—Section 116 of  
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 “(k) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than  
7 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, and  
8 annually thereafter, the Executive Director shall submit  
9 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
10 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
11 Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report de-  
12 tailing—

13 “(1) the use of funds authorized under section  
14 605(f) of title 23; and

15 “(2) the progress of the Bureau in carrying out  
16 the purposes described in subsection (b).”.

17 (b) OUTREACH.—Section 116(b)(1) of title 49,  
18 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

19 “(1) to provide assistance and communicate  
20 best practices and financing and funding opportuni-  
21 ties to eligible entities for the programs referred to  
22 in subsection (d)(1), including by—

23 “(A) conducting proactive outreach to com-  
24 munities located outside of metropolitan or  
25 micropolitan statistical areas; and

1           “(B) coordinating with the Department of  
2           Agriculture’s Office of Rural Development, the  
3           Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of  
4           Community Revitalization, and any other agen-  
5           cies that provide technical assistance for rural  
6           communities as determined by the Director;”.

7 **SEC. 4. TIFIA APPLICATION PROCESS REPORT.**

8           Section 609(b)(2)(A) of title 23, United States Code,  
9 is amended—

10           (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and”;

11           (2) in clause (v), by striking the period at the  
12           end and inserting “; and”; and

13           (3) by adding at the end the following:

14                   “(vi) whether the project is located in  
15           a       metropolitan       statistical       area,  
16           micropolitan statistical area, or neither.”.

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