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[Report No. 118-23]

To require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MAY 11, 2023

Reported by Mr. PETERS, without amendment

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PORT MAINTENANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411(o) of the Homeland
3 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211(o)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
5 graph (4); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(3) PORT MAINTENANCE.—

9 “(A) PROCEDURES.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to sub-
11 paragraphs (B) and (C), the Commis-
12 sioner, in consultation with the Adminis-
13 trator of the General Services Administra-
14 tion—

15 “(I) shall establish procedures by
16 which U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
17 tection may conduct maintenance and
18 repair projects costing not more than
19 \$300,000 at any Federal Governmen-
20 owned port of entry where the Office
21 of Field Operations performs any of
22 the activities described in subpara-
23 graphs (A) through (G) of subsection
24 (g)(3); and

25 “(II) is authorized to perform
26 such maintenance and repair projects,

1 subject to the procedures described in
2 clause (ii).

3 “(ii) PROCEDURES DESCRIBED.—The
4 procedures established pursuant to clause
5 (i) shall include—

6 “(I) a description of the types of
7 projects that may be carried out pur-
8 suant to clause (i); and

13 “(iii) PUBLICATION OF PROCE-
14 DURES.—All of the procedures established
15 pursuant to clause (i) shall be published in
16 the Federal Register.

17 “(iv) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The
18 publication of procedures under clause (iii)
19 shall not impact the authority of the Com-
20 missioner to update such procedures, in
21 consultation with the Administrator, as ap-
22 propriate.

23 “(B) LIMITATION.—The authority under
24 subparagraph (A) shall only be available for
25 maintenance and repair projects involving exist-

1 ing infrastructure, property, and capital at any
2 port of entry described in subparagraph (A).

3 “(C) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS.—The Com-
4 missioner shall annually adjust the amount de-
5 scribed in subparagraph (A) by the percentage
6 (if any) by which the Consumer Price Index for
7 All Urban Consumers for the month of June
8 preceding the date on which such adjustment
9 takes effect exceeds the Consumer Price Index
10 for All Urban Consumers for the same month
11 of the preceding calendar year.

12 “(D) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
13 in this paragraph may be construed to affect
14 the availability of funding from—

15 “(i) the Federal Buildings Fund es-
16 tablished under section 592 of title 40,
17 United States Code;

20 “(iii) any other statutory authority or
21 appropriation for projects described in sub-
22 paragraph (A).”.

23 (b) REPORTING.—

1 thereafter, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and
2 Border Protection shall submit a report to the Com-
3 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
4 fairs of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations
5 of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Se-
6 curity of the House of Representatives, and the
7 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives that includes the elements described in
9 paragraph (2).

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include—

12 (A) a summary of all maintenance projects
13 conducted pursuant to section 411(o)(3) of the
14 Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by
15 subsection (a) during the prior fiscal year;

16 (B) the cost of each project referred to in
17 subparagraph (A);

18 (C) the account that funded each such
19 project, if applicable; and

20 (D) any budgetary transfers, if applicable,
21 that funded each such project.

22 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 422(a) of the
23 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 232(a)) is
24 amended by inserting “section 411(o)(3) of this Act and”
25 after “Administrator under”.

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