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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY 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 “Green Bus Act of
5 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ZERO-EMISSION BUS REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5312
4 the following:

5 **“§ 5313. Zero-emission bus requirements**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other re-
7 quirements of this chapter, not later than October 1,
8 2029, any bus purchased or leased with funds provided
9 under this chapter or otherwise provided by the Federal
10 Transit Administration for purposes of providing public
11 transportation shall be a zero-emission bus.

12 “(b) DEFINITION OF ZERO-EMISSION BUS.—In this
13 section, the term ‘zero-emission bus’ means a bus that
14 produces no carbon or particulate matter.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
16 tions for chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is
17 amended by inserting after the item related to section
18 5312 the following new item:

“5313. Zero-emission bus requirements.”.

19 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES IMPLEMENTING**
20 **ZERO-EMISSION BUS FLEETS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
23 tation shall compile, and make publicly available, a report
24 containing best practices and lessons learned by transit

1 agencies and States that have implemented or are in the
2 process of implementing zero-emission bus fleets.

3 (b) CONSULTATION.—In compiling the report, the
4 Secretary shall consult with transit agencies, States, zero-
5 emission bus manufacturers, and other stakeholders that
6 the Secretary determines are appropriate.

7 (c) UPDATES TO REPORT.—The Secretary shall up-
8 date the report required under subsection (a) annually.

9 **SEC. 4. EXTENSIONS OF CERTAIN LOW- OR NO-EMISSION**
10 **VEHICLE PROGRAMS.**

11 (a) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN
12 PROGRAMS.—

13 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 Section 5338(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
15 amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
17 PRIATIONS.—There shall be available from the Mass
18 Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund for fis-
19 cal years 2021 through 2029 such funds as are spe-
20 cifically allocated for those fiscal years under para-
21 graph (2). Nothing in this paragraph shall be con-
22 strued to authorize the appropriation of any
23 amounts not so allocated.”.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
25 5338(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is

1 amended by inserting “or paragraph (3)” after
2 “paragraph (1)”.

3 (b) LOW- AND NO-EMISSION COMPONENT ASSESS-
4 MENT PROGRAM.—Section 5338(a)(2)(G) of title 49,
5 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 “(G) \$28,000,000 for each of fiscal years
7 2016 through 2019 and \$45,000,000 for each
8 of fiscal years 2020 through 2029 shall be
9 available to carry out section 5312, of which—

10 “(i) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal
11 years 2016 through 2019 and \$5,000,000
12 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2029
13 shall be available to carry out section
14 5312(h); and

15 “(ii) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal
16 years 2016 through 2019 and \$20,000,000
17 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2029
18 shall be available to carry out section
19 5312(i);”.

20 (c) LOW- OR NO-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM.—
21 Section 5338(a)(2)(M) of title 49, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) by striking “and \$344,044,179 for fiscal
24 year 2020” and inserting “, \$450,000,000 for fiscal
25 year 2020, \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2021,

1 \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, \$600,000,000 for
2 fiscal year 2023, \$650,000,000 for fiscal year 2024,
3 \$700,000,000 for fiscal year 2025, \$750,000,000 for
4 fiscal year 2026, \$800,000,000 for fiscal year 2027,
5 \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2028, and
6 \$900,000,000 for fiscal year 2029”; and

7 (2) by striking “2020 shall be available to carry
8 out section 5339(c)” and inserting “2019,
9 \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, \$200,000,000 for
10 fiscal year 2021, \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2022,
11 \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, \$350,000,000 for
12 fiscal year 2024, \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2025,
13 \$450,000,000 for fiscal year 2026, \$500,000,000 for
14 fiscal year 2027, \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2028,
15 and \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 2029 shall be avail-
16 able to carry out section 5339(c)”.

17 (d) PLANNING PROGRAMS.—Section 5338(a)(2)(A)
18 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking
19 “and \$142,036,417 for fiscal year 2020” and inserting
20 “and \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
21 2029”.

1 **SEC. 5. PREFERENCE UNDER LOW- OR NO-EMISSION VEHI-**
2 **CLE PROGRAM FOR OPERATORS WITH FULL**
3 **FLEET TRANSITION PLANS.**

4 Section 5339(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(8) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under
7 this subsection, the Secretary shall give preference
8 to applicants who have completed a full fleet transi-
9 tion plan.”.

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