

THUD Manager's Package

Kirk and Shaheen Amendment on Medical Kits

- Report language encouraging the FAA to examine current policy regarding the supplies currently required in the Emergency Medical Kits.

Collins, Reed and Murray Amendment on Clarification of Transit Funding Allocation

- Report language to clarify the allocation for a project in Washington State, and to ensure that DOT does not provide more than \$100 million from FY 2017 funds for any core capacity, small starts, and expedited project delivery project.

Coons Amendment on Homeless Transitional Housing Projects

- Report language encouraging HUD to renew homeless transitional housing projects for adults that are effective and prevent service gaps.

Kirk Amendment on Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research Supporting Agriculture

- Report language including agricultural applications among the areas of expanded unmanned aircraft systems research at the Center of Excellence.

Murkowski Amendment on Alaskan Aircrash Investigators

- Report language condemning the National Transportation Safety Board's consent to participate in a documentary-reality show style television show about Alaskan air crash investigations by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Collins and Reed Amendment on Railroad Loan Program

- Bill and report language to modify the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program to comply with Section 3028 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

Merkley Amendment on Fair Market Rents

- Report language encouraging HUD to consider recent survey data to determine Fair Market Rents and expedite the process for consideration of exception rent payment standards.

Senators Kirk and Shaheen – Medical Kits

On page 32 of the report after the last paragraph, insert:

“*Medical Kits.*—The Senate’s Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016 includes a provision requiring the Administrator to evaluate and revise emergency medical equipment requirements. The Committee strongly encourages the FAA to examine current policy regarding the supplies currently required in the Emergency Medical Kits (EMKs), including epinephrine auto-injectors.”

Senators Collins, Reed, and Murray – Clarification on Transit Funding Allocation

On page 81 of the report, after “California,” insert:

“\$36,280,000 for the project in Washington,”

On page 81 of the report, at the end of the first paragraph, insert:

“The Committee directs FTA to allocate no more than \$100 million per project in fiscal year 2017 funds for core capacity, small starts, and expedited project delivery projects.”

Senator Coons – Homeless Transitional Housing Projects

On page 132 of the report, after “homeless.” insert:

“While the Committee notes that permanent supportive housing is more efficient and effective at addressing homelessness among adults than transitional housing, it is also aware that in some communities transitional housing has been found to be effective. To avoid service gaps at the local level, the Committee encourages the Department to be receptive to renewing such transitional housing projects.”

Senator Kirk – Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research Supporting Agriculture

On page 40 of the report, after “in areas of UAS research, including cybersecurity” insert:

“, agricultural applications”.

On page 40 of the report, after “benefits to a wide range of industries” insert:

“, including agriculture”.

Senator Murkowski – Alaskan Aircrash Investigators

On page 156 of the report after the last paragraph, insert:

“Alaska Aircrash Investigators.— In September 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board entered into an agreement with Lucky 8 Television, LLC under which the NTSB agreed to assist in the production of a “documentary style” reality show which shadows NTSB investigators conducting accident and incident investigations in Alaska. The producers were granted unparalleled access to current and ongoing investigations, including access to information that had not been available to the public or the families of victims. The resultant series, a six episode production, entitled *Alaska Aircrash Investigations* began airing on the Smithsonian Channel on March 13, 2016. The television series has drawn criticism from aviation safety professionals for its lack of balance; spotlighting aviation tragedies using video simulations of aircraft striking mountains without any treatment of the concerted efforts of aviation safety professionals to prevent accidents and incidents and mitigate risks. It has drawn criticism from the families of victims, one of whom contends that the publicity material released by the producers disclosed information which had not yet been revealed to the family. It has drawn criticism from Alaska air carriers who question why the NTSB agreed to participate in a six episode reality show focused on a single state when it could have insisted that the producers shadow NTSB investigators across the country. Moreover, the NTSB admits that the first episode of the program overstated the aircraft accident rate in Alaska during the summer months by 100 percent. On March 8, 2016, a member of the Committee posed a series of questions to the NTSB regarding the participation of the project and whether there was a use of appropriated funds to support the project. The NTSB has failed to respond to this inquiry. The Committee, therefore, directs the NTSB to respond to these questions expeditiously. The Committee does not question the important and valuable investigative work that the NTSB performs but questions whether its participation in reality shows, even those which are purported to be in the “documentary style” advances its mission to advance transportation safety and protect the interests of the families of accident victims. Moreover, the Committee is concerned that the NTSB agreed to participate in a six episode reality show focused on the NTSB’s work in a single state to the exclusion of all others; a decision which could convey a false impression to viewers that air transportation in that state is inherently dangerous.”

Senators Collins and Reed – Railroad Loan Program

On page 50 line 3 of the bill, after “outstanding.”, strike:

“*Provided*, That pursuant to section 502 of such Act, as amended, no new direct loans or loan guarantee commitments shall be made using Federal funds for the credit risk premium during fiscal year 2017,”

On page 69 of the report, after “rail equipment and facilities.”, strike:

“The Committee maintains bill language specifying that no new direct loans or loan guarantee commitments may be made using Federal funds for the payment of any credit premium amount during fiscal year 2017 with the exception of permissions granted under section 152 of this act.”

Senator Merkley – Fair Market Rents

On page 143 of the report, after “market.” insert:

“The Committee encourages the Department, to the extent practicable, to work with communities to use local rent survey data made available in the preceding year to inform the calculation of Fair Market Rents. The Committee strongly encourages HUD to expedite the process for consideration of FMRs and exception payment standards that are requested from PHAs.”