

THUD Manager's Package

Cochran/Collins/Reed Amendment on Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities

- Report language encouraging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to increase efforts to reduce drunk driving.

Boozman Amendment on Child Hyperthermia Prevention

- Report language directing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to update a report on technology that can serve as a reminder to parents to remove children from the rear seat prior to leaving their vehicle in an effort to prevent child fatalities.

Moran Amendment on Aviation Incident Reporting Data

- Report language directing the Federal Aviation Administration to collaborate with the National Transportation Safety Board and stakeholders to determine additional data points to be collected to better assess safety trends and identify areas for potential safety improvement within the on-demand air charter community.

Moran Amendment on Electronic Guidance Library at the FAA

- Report language directing the Federal Aviation Administration to complete the electronic guidance library and eliminate outdated or conflicting policies.

Murkowski Amendment on Terminal Aerodrome Forecast

- Bill language to permit intermittent large cargo air carriers to land in remote areas using a mix of available meteorological weather reports, in place of National Weather Service (NWS) forecast reports where the NWS does not provide weather coverage.

Shaheen Amendment on Motorized Vehicles

- Report language encouraging the Federal Highway Administration to consider the local economy and community input when providing exceptions to a current prohibiting on motorized vehicles to operate on trails and pedestrian walkways.

Van Hollen Amendment on Aircraft Noise and Community Outreach

- Report language encouraging the Federal Aviation Administration to work with communities on flight path procedures to address aircraft noise.

Van Hollen Amendment on Aircraft Noise Research

- Report language directing the Federal Aviation Administration to continue to prioritize research associated with aviation noise.

Blunt Amendment on Historic Railroad Corridors

- Report language encouraging the Federal Highway Administration to look at regionally focused mix-use projects that integrate historic railroad corridors.

Shaheen Amendment on Regulatory Relief for Public Housing Agencies

- Report language encouraging the Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine the administrative requirements and identify efficiencies for public housing agencies that only administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

Baldwin Amendment on Assistance to Small Shipyards Program

- Bill language allowing prior year recoveries to be used, as authorized.

Cochran/Collins/Reed Amendment on Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities

On page 65 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

*“Drunk Driving Fatalities.—*The Committee is concerned about increasing rates of impaired driving and the increase in alcohol-impaired driving fatalities on our highways. Crashes on U.S. roadways claimed 35,092 lives in 2015, an increase of 2,348 fatalities (7.2%) over 2014. Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities increased by 3.2%, from 9,943 in 2014 to 10,265 in 2015. Drunk Driving fatalities account for approximately one-third of all the deaths on our nation’s highways. While drunk driving fatalities on our roadways have decreased by 51% since 1982, unfortunately the downward trend line for drunk driving fatalities changed course in 2015 and has reportedly continued that deadly upward trend in 2016. The Committee encourages NHTSA to review its efforts and initiatives in this arena and to work with the Committee and interested stakeholders to reverse the growing incidence of drunk driving and the increase in alcohol-related fatalities on our highways.”

Senator Boozman Amendment on Child Hyperthermia Prevention

On page 65 of the report in the last paragraph, after “industry.”, insert:

“The Committee is aware that NHTSA published a study of unattended child reminder warning technology in July 2015. Because of ongoing technological advances, the Committee directs NHTSA to update the study in coordination with industry regarding currently available and future technology that can serve as a reminder to parents to remove children from the rear seat prior to leaving their vehicle.”

Senator Moran Amendment on Aviation Incident Reporting Data

On page 35 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

*“Incident Reporting Data.—*The Committee notes neither the FAA nor the NTSB segments collection of safety data, making it difficult to accurately measure data and trends of the wide range aircraft types and operations within the on-demand air charter community. The Committee directs the FAA to work with the NTSB and industry stakeholders to determine what additional data points are appropriate to collect and report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this act.”

Senator Moran Amendment on Electronic Guidance Library at the Federal Aviation Administration

On page 35 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

“Electronic Guidance Library.—The top recommendation of the FAA’s Consistency of Regulatory Interpretation Aviation Rulemaking Committee was to create a single master source for guidance to provide a “one-stop” shop for obtaining the agency’s current policies. As the agency moves forward, the Committee expects this to include an electronic library, a process to review and eliminate outdated or conflicting material on both a current and on-going basis, and directs the FAA to complete its work within 180 days of enactment of this act.”

Murkowski Amendment on Terminal Aerodrome Forecast

On page 37 of the bill, insert at the appropriate place:

“(a) TERMINAL AERODROME FORECAST.—The Administrator shall permit an air carrier operation under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to operate to a destination determined to be under visual flight rules without a Terminal Aerodrome Forecast or Meteorological Aerodrome Report if a current Area Forecast, supplemented by other local weather observations or reports, is available, and an alternate airport that has an available Terminal Aerodrome Forecast and weather report is specified. The air carrier shall have approved procedures for dispatch and enroute weather evaluation and shall operate under instrument flight rules enroute to the destination. (b) LIMITATION.—Without a written finding of necessity, based on objective and historical evidence of imminent threat to safety, the Administrator shall not promulgate any operation specification, policy, or guidance document that is more restrictive than, or requires procedures that are not expressly stated in, the regulations.”

On page 49 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

“Requires the FAA to permit intermittent large cargo air carriers to land in remote areas using a mix of available meteorological weather reports, in place of National Weather Service forecast reports where they do not provide weather coverage.”

Shaheen Amendments on Motorized Vehicles on Trails

On page 54 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

“Balanced Consideration of Use-Exemption Requests for Trails.—As the FHWA considers requests for exceptions under 23 U.S.C. 217(h), the Committee encourages the agency to give due consideration to the local economy and community input. In particular, the agency should weigh the role of motorized vehicles plays in the local economy and should seek feedback from trail users.”

Van Hollen Amendment on Noise and Community Outreach

On page 35 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

*“Noise and Community Outreach.—*The Committee appreciates additional measures the FAA is taking to enhance outreach to communities affected by new flightpaths. The Committee encourages the FAA to improve the development of flight procedures in ways that will give fair consideration to public comment and reduce noise through procedure modification and dispersion to reduce the impact on local communities. The FAA should focus on methods that can produce measurable results. The FAA should give high priority to evaluating where increased noise levels disrupts homes and businesses, and threatens public health, and should provide all necessary resources to regional offices to work with local communities to meet this objective.”

Van Hollen Amendment on Aircraft Noise Research

On page 45 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

“Noise Health Effects Research.—The Committee supports research that is being conducted through the FAA’s Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuel and Environment, the Aviation Sustainability Center on the impact of aviation noise on both sleep and cardiovascular health. The Committee directs FAA to continue to prioritize this research, as many communities across the country contend with increased frequency of passing aircraft on a daily basis. In addition, the Committee directs the FAA to continue to evaluate alternative metrics to the current Day Night Level (DNL) 65 standard and other methods to address community airplane noise concerns, including cumulative noise impacts from increased frequency of flights.”

Blunt Amendment on Historic Railroad Corridors

On page 54 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

“Historic Railroad Corridors.—The Committee acknowledges the importance of the agency in assisting with transportation and mobility efforts in communities across the country. The Committee encourages FHWA to look at regionally focused mixed-use projects that integrate the preservation of historic railroad corridors while developing shared-use paths, including pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-oriented development that will assist with regional mobility.”

Shaheen Amendment on Regulatory Relief for Public Housing Agencies

On page 106 of the report after “enactment of this act.”, insert:

“The Committee is also concerned that certain PHAs that do not meet the definition of small-and-medium sized also face similar regulatory challenges. Therefore, the Committee encourages HUD to examine the administrative requirements and identify possible efficiency adjustments that can be made for PHAs that only administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.”

Baldwin Amendment on Assistance to Small Shipyards Program

On page 71 of the bill on line 16 after “administration”, insert:

“: *Provided further*, That available balances under this heading from prior year recoveries shall be available to carry out activities authorized under section 3506 of Public Law 109-163”