

## 117TH CONGRESS H.R. 3516

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Larsen of Washington (for himself and Mr. Payne) 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 "Greenhouse gas Reduc-
  - 5 tion and Environmental Enhancement through New Fer-
  - 6 ries Act" or the "GREEN Ferries Act".

## 1 SEC. 2. PASSENGER FERRY GRANTS.

2	(a) In General.—Section 5307(h) of title 49
3	United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4	following paragraph:
5	"(4) Zero-emission or reduced-emission
6	GRANTS.—
7	"(A) Definitions.—In this paragraph:
8	"(i) Eligible project.—The term
9	'eligible project' means a project or pro-
10	gram of projects in an area eligible for a
11	grant under subsection (a) for—
12	"(I) acquiring zero- or reduced-
13	emission passenger ferries;
14	"(II) leasing zero- or reduced-
15	emission passenger ferries;
16	"(III) constructing new vessels
17	facilities, and related equipment for
18	zero- or reduced-emission passenger
19	ferries;
20	"(IV) leasing facilities and re-
21	lated equipment for zero- or reduced-
22	emission passenger ferries;
23	"(V) constructing new public
24	transportation facilities to accommo-
25	date zero- or reduced-emission pas-
26	senger ferries;

1	"(VI) constructing shoreside
2	ferry charging or fueling infrastruc-
3	ture for zero- or reduced-emission
4	passenger ferries; or
5	"(VII) rehabilitating or improv-
6	ing existing public transportation fa-
7	cilities to accommodate zero- or re-
8	duced-emission passenger ferries.
9	"(ii) Zero- or reduced-emission
10	PASSENGER FERRY.—
11	"(I) IN GENERAL.—The term
12	'zero- or reduced-emission passenger
13	ferry' means a passenger ferry used to
14	provide public transportation that re-
15	duces operational lifecycle emissions
16	by at least 75 percent through the use
17	of eligible technologies and fuels, that
18	may include utilizing onboard energy
19	storage systems or alternative fuels,
20	hybrid-electric or 100 percent electric
21	propulsion, related shoreside charging
22	or fueling infrastructure, and other
23	technologies deployed under normal
24	operation.

1	"(iii) Recipient.—The term recipi-
2	ent' means a designated recipient, a local
3	government authority, or a State that re-
4	ceives a grant under subsection (a).
5	"(B) General Authority.—The Sec-
6	retary may make grants to recipients to finance
7	eligible projects under this paragraph.
8	"(C) Grant requirements.—A grant
9	under this paragraph shall be subject to the
10	same terms and conditions as a grant under
11	subsection (a).
12	"(D) Competitive process.—The Sec-
13	retary shall solicit grant applications and make
14	grants for eligible projects under this paragraph
15	on a competitive basis.
16	"(E) GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS.—
17	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share
18	of the cost of an eligible project carried out
19	under this paragraph shall not exceed 80
20	percent.
21	"(ii) Non-federal share.—The
22	non-Federal share of the cost of an eligible
23	project carried out under this subsection
24	may be derived from in-kind contribu-
25	tions.".

1	(b) Set Aside.—Section 5336(h)(1) of title 49,
2	United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
3	"(1) to carry out section 5307(h)—
4	"(A) \$60,906,000 shall be set aside in fis-
5	cal year 2022, of which, not less than
6	\$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
7	under section $5307(h)(4)$ ;
8	"(B) \$61,856,134 shall be set aside in fis-
9	cal year 2023, of which, not less than
10	\$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
11	under section $5307(h)(4)$ ;
12	"(C) \$62,845,832 shall be set aside in fis-
13	cal year 2024, of which, not less than
14	\$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
15	under section 5307(h)(4); and
16	"(D) \$63,832,511 shall be set aside in fis-
17	cal year 2025, of which, not less than
18	\$20,000,000 shall be used to make grants
19	under section $5307(h)(4)$ ;".