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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R.

To amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the projects eligible for certain port and intermodal improvement grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Resilient Ports Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PORT DEVELOPMENT.**

6 Section 50302 of title 46, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c)—

- 1 (A) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii)—
- 2 (i) in subclause (II) by striking “; or”
- 3 and inserting a semicolon; and
- 4 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
- 5 lowing:
- 6 “(IV) emissions mitigation meas-
- 7 ures directly related to reducing the
- 8 overall carbon footprint from port op-
- 9 erations; or”;
- 10 (B) in paragraph (6)(B)—
- 11 (i) in clause (i) by striking “; and”
- 12 and inserting a semicolon;
- 13 (ii) in clause (ii) by striking the pe-
- 14 riod and inserting “; and”; and
- 15 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
- 16 lowing:
- 17 “(iii) projects that increase the port’s
- 18 resilience to sea-level rise, flooding, and ex-
- 19 treme weather events, including such
- 20 events related to climate change.”;
- 21 (C) in paragraph (7)(B) by striking “18
- 22 percent” and inserting “25 percent”; and
- 23 (D) in paragraph (12) by adding at the
- 24 end the following:

1 “(D) RESILIENCE.—The term ‘resilience’
2 means the ability to anticipate, prepare for,
3 adapt to, withstand, respond to, and recover
4 from operational disruptions and sustain critical
5 operations at ports, including disruptions
6 caused by natural or manmade hazards.

7 “(E) CARBON FOOTPRINT.—The term
8 ‘carbon footprint’ means the total carbon-based
9 pollutants, products, and any greenhouse gases
10 that are emitted into the atmosphere resulting
11 from the consumption of fossil fuels.

12 “(F) CLIMATE CHANGE.—The term ‘cli-
13 mate change’ means detectable changes in 1 or
14 more climate system components over multiple
15 decades, including—

16 “(i) changes in the average tempera-
17 ture of the atmosphere or ocean;

18 “(ii) changes in regional precipitation,
19 winds, and cloudiness; and

20 “(iii) changes in the severity or dura-
21 tion of extreme weather, including
22 droughts, floods, and storms.”; and

23 (2) in the heading for subsection (d) by striking
24 “INLAND” and inserting “INLAND RIVER”.