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[Report No. 116–296]

To provide certainty for airport funding.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 2, 2020

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CRAMER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Reported by Mr. WICKER, without amendment

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 “Airport Infrastructure
5 Readiness Act of 2020” or the “AIR Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPORTION-**
 2 **MENTS TO PRIMARY AIRPORTS.**

3 Section 47114(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code,
 4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(J) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEARS
 6 2022 AND 2023.—Notwithstanding subparagraph
 7 (A) and the absence of scheduled passenger air-
 8 craft service at an airport, the Secretary shall
 9 apportion in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the
 10 sponsor of the airport an amount based on the
 11 number of passenger boardings at the airport
 12 during whichever of the following years that
 13 would result in the highest apportioned amount:

14 “(i) Calendar year 2018.

15 “(ii) Calendar year 2019.

16 “(iii) The prior full calendar year
 17 prior to the current fiscal year.”.

18 **SEC. 3. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CONTRACT PROGRAM.**

19 Notwithstanding section 47124(d)(1)(B) of title 49,
 20 United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation shall
 21 not calculate a benefit-to-cost ratio with respect to an air
 22 traffic control tower participating in the Contract Tower
 23 Program on the basis of an annual aircraft traffic de-
 24 crease in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

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