

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3648

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for the deployment of innovative real-time transcription and translation technology to improve the transit rider experience for deaf, hard of hearing, and limited English proficient individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Mr. MULLIN 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 “Transit Captions Inno-
5 vations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INNOVATIONS IN LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY.**

2 Section 5312(e)(3) of title 49, United States Code,
3 is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (B), by striking “or” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (C), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “; or”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(D) the deployment of real-time tran-
10 scription and translation technology to improve
11 the rider experience for deaf, hard of hearing,
12 and limited English proficient individuals.”.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 Section 5338(a)(2)(G) of title 49, United States
15 Code, is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (i), by striking “and” at the
17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (ii), by inserting “and” at the
19 end; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(iii) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2027,
22 \$4,100,000 for fiscal year 2028,
23 \$4,202,500 for fiscal year 2029,
24 \$4,307,562 for fiscal year 2030, and
25 \$4,415,251 for fiscal year 2031 shall be

1 available to carry out projects eligible
2 under section 5312(e)(3)(D);”.

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