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H. R. 4246

To amend section 41733 of title 49, United States Code, to require that applications to provide compensated basic essential air service include a contingency plan to continue air service in the event of a disruption, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2025

Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Ms. KING-HINDS) 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 “Essential Air Service
5 Reliability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. BASIC ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE AVAILABILITY OF**
2 **COMPENSATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 41733(c) of title 49,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
6 graph (4);

7 (2) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “(1) If the Secretary” and
9 inserting the following:

10 “(1) APPLICATION.—If the Secretary”;

11 (B) by inserting after “compensation
12 under this section.” the following new para-
13 graph:

14 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—For any application sub-
15 mitted pursuant to paragraph (1), such application
16 shall include a contingency plan that provides for
17 the continuation of air service to the eligible place in
18 the event of a disruption that is not related to
19 weather.”; and

20 (C) by striking “In selecting an applicant,”
21 and inserting the following:

22 “(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting an appli-
23 cant,”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by
25 striking “Under guidelines” and inserting “RATE OF
26 COMPENSATION.—Under guidelines”.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The Secretary of Transpor-
2 tation shall ensure that the amendment made by section
3 2(a)(2)(B) shall apply not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
6 41736(c)(2)(A) of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed by striking “section 41733(c)(1)” and inserting “sec-
8 tion 41733(c)”.

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