

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8998

To require the Transportation Research Board to evaluate innovative hull designs and the use of alternative material construction technologies to enhance operational fleet performance and payload capacity of waterborne transit systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Ms. SCHOLTEN 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 “Researching Innovative
5 Shipbuilding and Next-Generation Transit Infrastructure
6 for Durable and Efficient Systems”.

1 **SEC. 2. INNOVATIVE HULL DESIGNS.**

2 The Transportation Research Board shall evaluate
3 innovative hull designs, as well as the use of alternative
4 material construction technologies, to include the use of
5 carbon fiber, hybrids, and other composite fiber-reinforced
6 polymers to enhance operational fleet performance and
7 payload capacity of waterborne transit systems.

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