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H. R. 9181

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Rail Motive Power
5 Source Integration Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON INTEGRATING USE OF MUL-**
2 **TIPLE MOTIVE POWER SOURCES INTO RAIL**
3 **SYSTEM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Federal
5 Railroad Administration shall establish a pilot program to
6 improve the ease of rotating between multiple motive
7 power sources during operation within the passenger and
8 freight rail systems.

9 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—In carrying out the pilot pro-
10 gram established under subsection (a), the Administrator
11 shall—

12 (1) research—

13 (A) the integration of the use of multiple
14 different or new rail technologies or motive
15 power sources such as battery, electrification,
16 hydrogen, and diesel into the rail system; and

17 (B) any challenges relating to imple-
18 menting such technologies, including cost or ad-
19 ditional land requirements;

20 (2) develop rail car designs that facilitate rota-
21 tion between multiple power sources, which may in-
22 clude different rail electrification systems; and

23 (3) perform demonstration projects to test the
24 feasibility of integrating such designs into the rail
25 system.

1 (c) STUDY.—The Administrator shall conduct a
2 study to identify each location at which a train must be
3 changed during operation within the passenger and freight
4 rail systems because such train uses a power source that
5 is inoperable in the rail system past such location.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall provide
8 to Congress a report describing the results of the pilot pro-
9 gram established under subsection (a) and the study con-
10 ducted under subsection (c).

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