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S. 3728

To remove the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation consider the committed or anticipated non-Federal funding for long distance intercity passenger rail routes under the Corridor Identification and Development Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2026

Mr. SHEEHY (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Long-Distance Cor-
5 ridor Relief Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CONSIDERATION REQUIREMENT**
 2 **OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CORRIDOR**
 3 **SELECTION.**

4 Section 25101(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
 5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
 7 (14) as subparagraphs (A) through (N), respectively,
 8 and indenting such subparagraphs, as so redesign-
 9 ated, 2 ems to the right;

10 (2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 11 as so redesignated, by striking “In selecting” and in-
 12 serting the following:

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In selecting”;

14 (3) in subparagraph (F), as so redesignated, by
 15 striking “committed or” and by inserting “except as
 16 provided in paragraph (2), committed or”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR LONG-DISTANCE ROUTE
 19 CORRIDOR.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of
 21 this subsection, the Secretary shall not require
 22 or consider committed or anticipated non-Fed-
 23 eral funding for any part of the program de-
 24 scribed in subsection (a) for any intercity pas-
 25 senger rail corridor on a long-distance route.

1 “(B) APPLICATION.—The exception pro-
2 vided in subparagraph (A) shall apply to any
3 long-distance route corridor accepted into the
4 program on or after October 1, 2023.”.

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