AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2474, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MS. DELBENE OF WASHINGTON

On page 32, line 8, redesignate section 5 as section 6.

On page 32, after line 7, insert the following:

1 SEC. 5. PORTABLE BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM.

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION.—The term "eligi4 ble organization" means any State or local govern5 ment or any nonprofit organization.

6 (2) ELIGIBLE WORK.—The term "eligible work"
7 means any work performed that is not in connection
8 with traditional full-time employment.

9 (3) ELIGIBLE WORKER.—The term "eligible 10 worker" means any worker who is not a traditional 11 full-time employee of the entity hiring the worker for 12 the eligible work, including any independent con-13 tractor, contract worker, self-employed individual, 14 freelance worker, temporary worker, or contingent 15 worker.

16 (4) PORTABLE BENEFITS.—The term "portable
17 benefits"—

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1	(A) means work-related benefits that are
2	provided to eligible workers for eligible work in
3	a manner that allows the worker to maintain
4	the benefits upon changing jobs; and
5	(B) includes—
6	(i) contributions on behalf of the eligi-
7	ble worker made by an entity (including
8	multiple entities, if applicable) in connec-
9	tion with eligible work performed by the
10	worker for the entity, including entities
11	that facilitate the sale of such work;
12	(ii) contributions made by the eligible
13	worker; or
14	(iii) a combination of the contribu-
15	tions described in clauses (i) and (ii).
16	(5) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
17	the Secretary of Labor.
18	(6) Work-related benefits.—The term
19	"work-related benefits" means benefits, including
20	protections, of a type that are commonly provided to
21	traditional full-time employees, such as workers'
22	compensation, skills training, disability coverage,
23	health insurance coverage, retirement saving, income
24	security, and short-term saving.

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(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTABLE BENEFITS
 2 PILOT PROGRAM.—

3	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
4	tion with the head of any other relevant Federal
5	agency, shall award grants for fiscal year 2021, on
6	a competitive basis, to eligible organizations to sup-
7	port broad innovation and experimentation with re-
8	spect to portable benefits.
9	(2) Uses of funds.—
10	(A) TYPES OF GRANTS.—The grants
11	awarded under paragraph (1) shall be grants
12	for—
13	(i) the evaluation, or improvement to
14	the design or implementation, of existing
15	models or approaches for providing port-
16	able benefits; or
17	(ii) the design, implementation, and
18	evaluation of new models or approaches for
19	providing such benefits.
20	(B) REQUIREMENT REGARDING RETIRE-
21	MENT-RELATED BENEFITS.—An eligible organi-
22	zation that receives a grant under paragraph
23	(1) may not use the grant to fund a model or
24	approach described in subparagraph (A) that

25 provides only retirement-related benefits.

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1	(3) POTENTIAL FOR NATIONAL APPLICA-
2	BILITY.—In awarding grants under paragraph (1),
3	the Secretary shall consider the potential of the
4	model or approach described in paragraph $(2)(A)$ to
5	be replicated on a large scale or at the national level.
6	(4) APPLICATIONS.—Each eligible organization
7	that desires to receive a grant under paragraph (1)
8	shall submit an application to the Secretary, at such
9	time, in such manner, and accompanied by such in-
10	formation as the Secretary may require.
11	(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Sep-
12	tember 30, 2022, the Comptroller General of the United
13	States shall evaluate the outcome of the grants awarded
14	under subsection $(b)(1)$ and provide a report on such eval-
15	uation to Congress. Such report shall include an assess-
16	ment of the impact of such grants on the compensation
17	of workers receiving portable benefits under subsection
18	(b).
19	(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
20	(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
21	appropriated for fiscal year 2021—
22	(A) $$5,000,000$ to carry out the grants de-
23	scribed in subsection $(b)(2)(A)(i)$; and
24	(B) $$15,000,000$ to carry out the grants
25	described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii).

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated
 under paragraph (1) shall remain available until ex pended.

4 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec5 tion shall be construed to affect the amendments made
6 under sections 1 through 4 of this Act.

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