AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-54

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Page 499, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 163. DOT REVIEW OF EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS AT STATE DOTS.

(a) Review Required.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall begin a review of the equity best practices, standards and protocols used in State DOTs in the United States that examines the efficacy of existing standards and protocols in ensuring State DOTs are funding projects that consider how low income, minority, women, and other diverse populations have diverse transportation needs.

(b) Evaluation.—After conducting the review under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, in consultation with representatives of the public transportation industry, evaluate the need to establish additional Federal equity standards.

(e) Report.—After completing the review and evaluation required under subsections (a) and (b), and not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
the Secretary shall make available on a publicly accessible Website, a report that includes—

(1) findings based on the review conducted under subsection (a);

(2) the outcome of the evaluation conducted under subsection (b);

(3) a comprehensive set of recommendations to improve equity considerations in the public transportation industry, including recommendations for statutory changes if applicable; and

(4) actions that the Secretary will take to address the recommendations provided under paragraph (3).

Page 872, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 511 TRANSPORTATION EQUITY RESEARCH PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—For each fiscal year, not less than $2,000,000 of research funds at the Department of Transportation shall be made available by the Secretary of Transportation for research and demonstration activities that focus on the impacts that transportation planning, investment, and operations have on low-income, minority, and female populations that are transit dependent. Such activities shall include research on transportation equity issues and the development of strategies to advance eco-
economic and community development in low-income and minority communities and the development of training programs that promote the employment of low income, minority and female community residents on Federal-aid transportation projects constructed in their communities.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $2,000,000 for each fiscal year.

Page 934, after line 19, add the following:

SEC. 550. GAO REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS.

(a) In General.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Environment and Public Works; Appropriations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a review of the extent to which the Secretary is considering the needs of and awarding funding through covered discretionary grant programs to projects that serve—

(1) (A) low-income communities;

(2) minority communities; and
(3) populations that are underserved or have limited transportation choices, including women.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Comptroller General shall include as part of the review under subsection (a) recommendations to the Secretary on possible means to improve consideration of projects that serve the unique needs of communities described in subsection (a)(1).

c) DEFINITION OF COVERED DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.—For purposes of this section, the term “covered discretionary grant programs” means the Projects of National and Regional Significance program under section 117 of title 23, the Community Transportation Investment Grant program under section 173 of such title, the Community Climate Innovation Grant program under section 172 of such title, and the grants for fueling and charging infrastructure under section 151 of such title.