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# H. R. 3059

To amend title 49, United States Code, to define critical airport infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2023

Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, to define critical airport infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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 “Resilient Airports  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT DEFINITIONS.**

7 Section 47102 of title 49, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3) by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1           “(S) improvement of any critical airport  
2 infrastructure at a general aviation airport that  
3 is—

4                   “(i) a nonhub, small hub, medium  
5 hub, or large hub airport to increase resil-  
6 ience for the purpose of resuming flight  
7 operations under visual flight rules fol-  
8 lowing a natural disaster; or

9                   “(ii) identified as a Federal staging  
10 area or Incident Support Base in a plan  
11 that is part of the National Preparedness  
12 Goal and National Preparedness System  
13 established by the Post-Katrina Emergency  
14 Management Reform Act and described by  
15 Presidential Policy Directive 8 and/or pre-  
16 determined as a staging location within a  
17 Department of Homeland Security, Fed-  
18 eral Emergency Management Agency,  
19 Emergency Management Performance  
20 Grant recipient’s approved Distribution  
21 Management Plan Annex to their existing  
22 Emergency Operations Plan for the pur-  
23 pose of resuming flight operations under  
24 visual flight rules following a natural dis-  
25 aster.”;

1           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (14), (15),  
2           (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24),  
3           (26), (27), and (28) as paragraphs (16), (17), (18),  
4           (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), (27), (28),  
5           (29), and (30), respectively;

6           (3) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), (10),  
7           (11), (12), and (13) as paragraphs (9), (10), (11),  
8           (12), (13), and (14), respectively;

9           (4) by inserting after paragraph (14), as so re-  
10          designated, the following:

11           “(15) ‘natural disaster’ means earthquake,  
12          flooding, high water, wildfires, hurricane, storm  
13          surge, tidal wave, tornado, tsunami, or wind driven  
14          water.”; and

15           (5) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-  
16          lowing:

17           “(8) ‘critical airport infrastructure’ means run-  
18          ways, taxiways, and aprons necessary to sustain ei-  
19          ther—

20                   “(A) commercial service flight operations;

21                   or

22                   “(B) flight operations at a general aviation  
23          airport that is identified as a Federal staging  
24          area or Incident Support Base in a plan that is  
25          part of the National Preparedness Goal and

1 National Preparedness System established by  
2 the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Re-  
3 form Act and described by Presidential Policy  
4 Directive 8 and/or predetermined as a staging  
5 location within a Department of Homeland Se-  
6 curity, Federal Emergency Management Agen-  
7 cy, Emergency Management Performance Grant  
8 recipient's approved Distribution Management  
9 Plan Annex to their existing Emergency Oper-  
10 ations Plan.”.

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