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To establish EnergySmart transport corridors to promote the planning and development of measures that will increase the energy efficiency of the Interstate System and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and other environmental pollutants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “EnergySmart Trans-
5 port Corridors Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENERGYSMART TRANSPORT CORRIDORS PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 (2) INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—The term “Inter-
5 state System” has the meaning given the term in
6 section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code.

7 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
8 the EnergySmart Transport Corridor program es-
9 tablished under subsection (b).

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Transportation.

12 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in con-
14 sultation with the Administrator, shall establish an
15 EnergySmart Transport Corridor program in accordance
16 with this section.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the Program,
18 the Secretary shall coordinate the planning and deploy-
19 ment of measures that will increase the energy efficiency
20 of the Interstate System and reduce the emission of green-
21 house gases and other environmental pollutants, including
22 by—

23 (1) increasing the availability and standardiza-
24 tion of anti-idling equipment;

1 (2) increasing the availability of alternative,
2 low-carbon transportation fuels;

3 (3) coordinating and adjusting vehicle weight
4 limits for both existing and future highways on the
5 Interstate System;

6 (4) coordinating and expanding intermodal
7 shipment capabilities;

8 (5) coordinating and adjusting time of service
9 restrictions; and

10 (6) planning and identifying future construction
11 within the Interstate System.

12 (d) DESIGNATION OF CORRIDORS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
14 tion with the Administrator and with the concur-
15 rence of the Governors of the States in which
16 EnergySmart transport corridors are to be located,
17 and in consultation with the appropriate advisory
18 committees established under paragraph (3), shall
19 designate EnergySmart transport corridors in ac-
20 cordance with the requirements described in sub-
21 section (c).

22 (2) INTERMODAL FACILITIES AND OTHER SUR-
23 FACE TRANSPORTATION MODES.—In designating
24 EnergySmart transport corridors, the Secretary may
25 include—

1 (A) intermodal passenger and freight
2 transfer facilities, particularly those that use
3 measures to significantly increase the energy ef-
4 ficiency of the Interstate System and reduce
5 greenhouse gas emissions and other environ-
6 mental pollutants; and

7 (B) other surface transportation modes.

8 (3) ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
10 sultation with the Governors of the States in
11 which EnergySmart transport corridors are to
12 be located, may establish advisory committees
13 to assist in the designation of individual
14 EnergySmart transport corridors.

15 (B) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory commit-
16 tees established under this paragraph shall in-
17 clude representatives of interests affected by the
18 designation of EnergySmart transport cor-
19 ridors, including—

20 (i) freight and trucking companies;

21 (ii) vehicle and vehicle equipment
22 manufacturers and retailers;

23 (iii) independent owners and opera-
24 tors;

1 (iv) conventional and alternative fuel
2 providers; and

3 (v) local transportation, planning, and
4 energy agencies.

5 (e) PRIORITY.—In allocating funds for Federal high-
6 way programs, the Secretary shall give special consider-
7 ation and priority to projects and programs that enable
8 deployment and operation of EnergySmart transport cor-
9 ridors.

10 (f) GRANTS.—In carrying out the Program, the Sec-
11 retary may provide grants to States to assist in the plan-
12 ning, designation, development, and maintenance of
13 EnergySmart transport corridors.

14 (g) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each fiscal year, the Sec-
15 retary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
16 gress a report describing activities carried out under the
17 Program during the preceding fiscal year.

18 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
20 out this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
21 through 2015.

22 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION OF ENGINE IDLING.**

23 Section 756(b)(4)(B) of the Energy Policy Act of
24 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16104(b)(4)(B)) is amended by striking
25 “for fiscal year 2008” each place it appears in clauses (i)

1 and (ii) and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2008
2 through 2015”.

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