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S. 5236

To increase funding for aviation workforce development grant programs of the Federal Aviation Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. MORAN) 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 “Aviation Workforce
5 Development Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASING FUNDING FOR AVIATION WORKFORCE**
7 **DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 625 of the FAA Reau-
9 thorization Act of 2018 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amend-
10 ed—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
5 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(3) a program to provide grants for eligible
9 projects to support the education and recruitment of
10 aviation manufacturing technical workers and the
11 development of the aviation manufacturing work-
12 force.”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2023”
15 each place it appears and inserting “2029”;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
17 paragraph (3);

18 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
19 following new paragraph:

20 “(2) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—In addition to
21 amounts available for grants pursuant to paragraph
22 (1), there is authorized to be appropriated—

23 “(A) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
24 2024 through 2029 to provide grants under the
25 program established under subsection (a)(1);

1 “(B) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
2 2024 through 2029 to provide grants under the
3 program established under subsection (a)(2);
4 and

5 “(C) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
6 2024 through 2029 to provide grants under the
7 program established under subsection (a)(3).”;
8 and

9 (D) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by
10 subparagraph (B), by inserting “(or, in the case
11 of fiscal years 2024 through 2029,
12 \$1,000,000)” after “\$500,000”;

13 (3) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(3) An application for a grant under the pilot
16 program established under subsection (a)(3) shall be
17 submitted, in such form as the Secretary may speci-
18 fy, by—

19 “(A) a holder of a type or production cer-
20 tificate or similar authorization issued under
21 section 44704 of title 49, United States Code,
22 or a credible applicant for such a certificate as
23 determined by the Secretary;

24 “(B) an accredited institution of higher
25 education (as defined in section 101 of the

1 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 1001)) or a high school or secondary school (as
3 defined in section 7801 of the Elementary and
4 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
5 7801); and

6 “(C) a State or local governmental enti-
7 ty.”; and

8 (4) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
9 following new paragraph:

10 “(3) For purposes of the pilot program estab-
11 lished under subsection (a)(3), an eligible project is
12 a project—

13 “(A) to establish new educational pro-
14 grams that teach technical skills used in avia-
15 tion manufacturing, including purchasing equip-
16 ment, or to improve existing such programs;

17 “(B) to establish scholarships or appren-
18 ticeships for individuals pursuing employment
19 in the aviation manufacturing industry;

20 “(C) to support outreach about careers in
21 the aviation manufacturing industry to—

22 “(i) primary, secondary, and post-sec-
23 ondary school students; or

24 “(ii) to communities underrepresented
25 in the industry;

1 “(D) to support educational opportunities
2 related to aviation manufacturing in both urban
3 and rural areas;

4 “(E) to support transition to careers in
5 aviation manufacturing, including for members
6 of the Armed Forces; or

7 “(F) to otherwise enhance aviation manu-
8 facturing technical education or the aviation
9 maintenance industry workforce.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (4) of
11 section 48105 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
12 by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.

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