

# Multipartisan Infrastructure Reform Act of 2018

Whereas the pressing issue of the lack of infrastructure in America is still present today,

Whereas due to excessive spending and vagueness, many infrastructure bills of the past have not been implemented in Congress,

Whereas the Federal departments concerning themselves with infrastructure are the Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Commerce, and the EPA,

Whereas a high-spending bill that relied on the National Infrastructure Bank did not pass in the Senate due to over-funding issues,

Whereas a more fiscally conservative bill did not pass in the House due to under-funding issues and the additional lack of states-federal cooperation,

Whereas this bill aims to take the best of both bills and present a reasonable compromise to the issue of infrastructure,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

## SECTION I. SHORT TITLE

(1) This act may be referred to as the “Infrastructure Reform Act of 2018” in short.

## SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

(1) STATE – The term “state”, in the context of this bill, shall refer to the six states of the Model United States.

(2) MODERNISATION – The term “modernisation” shall refer to the act of upgrading and improving any outdated buildings, materials, and systems already in place.

(3) PROPERLY USED – The term “properly used”, as used in Sec. IV Clauses (3) and onwards, refers to grants being used for its purpose in an effective and efficient manner.

## SECTION III. CONSOLIDATIONS

- (1) [Public Law B.085](#) is repealed in its entirety.
- (2) [Sections 8 and 9 of Public Law B. 069](#) are stricken from the Act.
- (3) [Section V\(b\) of Public Law H.R. 659](#) is stricken from the Act.
- (4) [Public Law H.R. 703](#) is repealed in its entirety.
- (5) [Public Law H.R. 780](#) is repealed in its entirety.
- (6) [Public Law H.R. 852](#) is repealed in its entirety.

## SECTION IV. GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

- (1) Over the next five years, Congress shall work in conjunction with the following agencies of the Federal Government to administer grants to all states of the United States of America;
  - a. The Environmental Protection Agency,
  - b. The Department of Education,
  - c. The Department of Commerce,
  - d. The Department of Energy,
  - e. The Department of Housing and Urban Development,
  - f. The National Parks Service,
  - g. The Department of Transportation, and
  - h. The Department of Agriculture.
- (2) These grants shall be offered with the following appropriations, listed below;
- (3) RAILWAYS – \$75,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s railways.
  - a. The Department of Transportation shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- (4) PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS – \$75,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s public roads and highways.
  - b. The Department of Transportation shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.
- (5) AIR TRANSPORTATION - \$15,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s air transportation.

- a. The Department of Transportation shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

(6) ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION – \$10,000,000,000 shall go into expanding and modernising the nation’s environmentally friendly transportation.

- a. The Environmental Protection Agency shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

(7) WATER INFRASTRUCTURE – \$37,500,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising the nation’s water infrastructure, which includes but is not limited to dams, levees, sewers, and other water-management or deliver techniques.

- a. The Environmental Protection Agency shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

(8) HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND – \$10,000,000,000 shall go into expanding access to high-speed broadband and high-speed cellular access in areas without such access or in areas with little access.

- a. A review of areas without such access or areas with little access shall be conducted by the Federal Communications Commission.
- b. These findings will be reported to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.
- c. The Department of Commerce shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

(9) RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE – \$50,000,000,000 shall go into expanding, developing and modernising renewable energy infrastructure, environmentally friendly construction, or other environmentally beneficial infrastructure.

- a. The Environmental Protection Agency shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

(10) URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE – \$30,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising infrastructure in urban areas.

- a. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall administer these grants and is responsible for these grants being properly used.

(11) RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE – \$20,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising infrastructure in rural areas, Indian reservations and other areas designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to be ‘disadvantaged’ economically.

- a. The Department of Agriculture shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.

(12) ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE – \$30,000,000,000 shall go into repairing, maintaining, expanding and modernising energy infrastructure and grid infrastructure.

- a. The Department of Energy shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.

- (13) PUBLIC SCHOOLS – \$15,000,000,000 shall go into repairing and maintaining public schools.
- Such grants shall go towards improving the facilities and conditions of such schools and providing increased tools and materials necessary.
  - Only up to one percent (1%) of these grants may be used on sports teams and materials, and other athletic teams, materials and activities.
  - The Department of Education shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- (14) DISASTER RELIEF AND PREPAREDNESS – \$5,000,000,000 shall go into maintaining, expanding and modernising disaster relief and preparedness infrastructure.
- The Department of Commerce shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- (15) NATIONAL PARKS – \$2,500,000,000 shall go into repairing and maintaining national parks.
- The National Parks Service shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.
- (15) CAPITALISING LOANS – \$25,000,000,000 shall go into capitalising loans.
- The Department of Commerce shall administer these grants and is responsible for the grants being properly used.

## SECTION V. INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD

- (1) An Infrastructure Advisory Board, or IAB, is hereby established.
- (2) The Infrastructure Advisory Board shall be composed of all federal Department Secretaries concerning themselves with infrastructure.
- This shall be considered the IAB's Governing Body.
- (3) The Infrastructure Advisory Board shall be headed by one person appointed by the President.
- The Head of the IAB may consult with the Governing Body on all matters, but shall make all final decisions regarding research reports, improvement plans and budgetary matters.
  - The appointed Head of the IAB shall report directly to the President of the United States.
  - An executive decision by the Head of the IAB may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of all non-abstaining, voting members of the Governing Body.
- (4) A Vital Infrastructure Board, or VIB, shall be created as a subdivision in the Infrastructure Advisory Board.
- The VIB shall be composed of all federal Deputy Department Secretaries concerning themselves with infrastructure.
  - The VIB shall review cases made by each state and determine grants to states most in need of immediate transportation or other infrastructure funds.

- c. The VIB Shall report all grants to states in need of emergency infrastructure funds to the Head of the IAB and its Governing Body.

## SECTION VI. QUALIFICATIONS AND FUNDING

(1) States must submit a report on how much money they need appropriated from each federal Department listed in Section IV.

- a. The report must include a plan of what each state will do with the grants and a timetable.
- b. A state may only be appropriated up to \$30,000,000,000 in grants in each fiscal year.

(2) The following federal Departments shall individually fund each plank of this act, as laid out in the following clauses;

- a. The Department of Transportation shall allocate \$165,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- b. The Environmental Protection Agency shall allocate \$97,500,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- c. The Department of Commerce shall allocate \$40,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- d. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall allocate \$30,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- e. The Department of Agriculture shall allocate \$20,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- f. The Department of Energy shall allocate \$30,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- g. The Department of Education shall allocate \$15,000,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.
- h. The National Parks Service shall allocate \$2,500,000,000 over the next five years to the grants outlined in Sec. IV.

(3) These grants shall be authorised each fiscal year until fiscal year 2023.

(4) The relevant committees in the House of Representatives and Senate shall be informed each year through a report by the relevant department or departments on the use of any funds appropriated.

## SECTION VII. ENACTMENT

(1) This act shall be enacted ninety days upon passage.

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