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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KILMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT DEFINITIONS.**

4 Section 47102 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3) by adding at the end the
7 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.”.