

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1632. STUDY ON COLONIAS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
3 shall carry out a study on the infrastructure state of
4 colonias, including surface, transit, water, and broadband
5 infrastructure of such colonias.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
8 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
9 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
11 describing the results of the study under subsection (a),
12 including any recommendations for congressional action
13 on colonias.

14 (c) COLONIAS DEFINED.—In this section, the term
15 “colonias” has the meaning given the term in section
16 509(f)(8) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
17 1479(f)(8)).



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At the end of division H, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . COLONIAS STATE OF GOOD REPAIR GRANT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
4 shall establish a state of good repair surface transpor-
5 tation grant program to provide grants that increase the
6 state of good repair for surface infrastructure in and
7 around colonias.

8 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following entities are
9 eligible to receive a grant under this section:

- 10 (1) States.
11 (2) Metropolitan planning organizations.
12 (3) Units of local government.
13 (4) Federal land management agencies.
14 (5) Tribal governments.

15 (c) COLONIA DEFINED.—In this section, the term
16 “colonia” means any identifiable community that—

- 17 (1) is in the State of Arizona, California, New
18 Mexico, or Texas;

1 (2) is in the area of the United States within
2 150 miles of the border between the United States
3 and Mexico, except that the term does not include
4 any standard metropolitan statistical area that has
5 a population exceeding 1,000,000;

6 (3) is determined to be a colonia on the basis
7 of objective criteria, including lack of potable water
8 supply, lack of adequate sewage systems, and lack of
9 decent, safe, and sanitary housing; and

10 (4) was in existence as a colonia before Novem-
11 ber 28, 1990.

12 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each
14 of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 to carry out this sec-
15 tion.

