

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 237

To amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt airports in economically depressed communities from matching grant obligations under the airport improvement program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. DEFAZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt airports in economically depressed communities from matching grant obligations under the airport improvement program.

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. INCREASED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**
4 **SHARE OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PRO-**
5 **GRAM PROJECT COSTS.**

6 Section 47109 of title 49, United States Code, is
7 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “subsection
2 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (e)”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR ECONOMICALLY DE-
5 PRESSED COMMUNITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Govern-
7 ment’s share of allowable project costs is 100 per-
8 cent for a project at an airport that is receiving sub-
9 sidized air service under subchapter II of chapter
10 417 and that is located in a community that, at the
11 time a project grant application is submitted under
12 section 47105, is an economically depressed commu-
13 nity.

14 “(2) ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED COMMUNITY
15 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘economically
16 depressed community’ means a unit of local govern-
17 ment that the Secretary of Transportation deter-
18 mines has—

19 “(A) an unemployment rate that is, for the
20 most recent 24-month period for which data are
21 available, at least 1 percent greater than the
22 national average unemployment rate;

23 “(B) per capita income that is, for the
24 most recent period for which data are available,

1 80 percent or less of the national average per
2 capita income; or

3 “(C) a special need arising from actual or
4 threatened severe unemployment or economic
5 adjustment problems resulting from severe
6 short-term or long-term changes in economic
7 conditions, such as—

8 “(i) substantial outmigration or popu-
9 lation loss;

10 “(ii) underemployment;

11 “(iii) military base closures or realign-
12 ments, defense contractor reductions-in-
13 force, or Department of Energy defense-re-
14 lated funding reductions;

15 “(iv) natural or other major disasters
16 or emergencies;

17 “(v) extraordinary depletion of nat-
18 ural resources;

19 “(vi) closure or restructuring of in-
20 dustrial firms essential to area economies;
21 and

22 “(vii) destructive impacts of foreign
23 trade.”.

○