U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE on ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

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TITLE ___ - COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee Title rescinds unobligated funding from sections of the EPW's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Title that have unspent money associated with the programs. The Title also pauses the IRA's methane tax for ten years, provides funding to address the construction needs and maintenance backlog at the Kennedy Center building and site, and creates an opt-in fee program under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide for an expedited environmental review process.

SECTION-BY-SECTION

Section 1: Rescission of Funding for Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60101 of the IRA. Section 60101 established a grant program to replace gas vehicles with electric vehicles.

Section 2: Repeal of IRA Section 60103 – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

This section repeals Section 60103 of the IRA and rescinds all unobligated funds. Section 60103 appropriated funding to create the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) program, which included the "Green Bank."

Section 3: Rescission of Funding for Diesel Emissions Reductions

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60104 of the IRA. Section 60104 provided funding to the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act for use only in certain communities.

Section 4: Rescission of Funding to Address Air Pollution

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60105 of the IRA. Section 60105 provided funding for grants related to air monitoring and testing.

Section 5: Rescission of Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60106 of the IRA. Section 60106 provided funding for grants to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other air pollutants at schools.

Section 6: Rescission of Funding for the Low Emissions Electricity Program

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60107 of the IRA. Section 60107 provided funding to establish a program to reduce GHG emissions through consumer education; industry and governmental outreach; and technical assistance using existing statutory authorities.

Section 7: Rescission of Funding for Section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60108 of the IRA. Section 60108 provided funding for data collection of GHG emissions and testing the environmental impact of biofuels.

Section 8: Rescission of Funding for Implementation of the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60109 of the IRA. Section 60109 provided funding to assist with implementation and compliance with the AIM Act.

Section 9: Rescission of Funding for Enforcement Technology and Public Information

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60110 of the IRA. Section 60110 provided funding for the EPA to update the agency's technology infrastructure and associated software for compliance monitoring, external communications with EPA systems, and inspection software.

Section 10: Rescission of Funding for Greenhouse Gas Corporate Reporting

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60111 of the IRA. Section 60111 provided funding to enhance standardization and tracking of corporate commitments and plans to reduce, as well as progress towards corporations' reduction of GHG emissions.

Section 11: Rescission of Funding for Environmental Product Declaration Assistance

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60112 of the IRA. Section 60112 provided funding to develop and implement an environmental product declaration program advertising the environmental impact of products.

Section 12: Rescission of Funding for Methane Emissions and Waste Reduction Incentive Program for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems

This section pauses the IRA's tax on methane emissions for ten years. This section also rescinds all unobligated funds under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 60113 of the IRA.

Section 13: Rescission of Funding for Greenhouse Gas Air Pollution Plans and Implementation Grants

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60114 of the IRA. Section 60114 provided funding to states, local governments, and Tribes to develop and implement "Climate Change Action Plans" and environmental justice initiatives.

Section 14: Rescission of Funding for Environmental Protection Agency Efficient, Accurate, and Timely Reviews

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60115 of the IRA. Section 60115 provided funding to improve environmental review times.

Section 15: Rescission of Funding for Low-Embodied Carbon Labeling for Construction Materials

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60116 of the IRA. Section 60116 provided funding for the EPA, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the General Services Administration (GSA), to establish a program to identify and label construction materials and products with lower embodied carbon levels from industry standards to be used in transportation projects and for federal buildings.

Section 16: Rescission of Funding for Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60201 of the IRA. Section 60201 provided funding for grants for non-profits to fund a wide array of climate and environmental justice projects.

Section 17: Rescission of Funding for Endangered Species Act Recovery Plans

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60301 of the IRA. Section 60301 provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding for the development and implementation of recovery plans under the Endangered Species Act.

Section 18: Rescission of Funding for Environmental and Climate Data Collection

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60401 of the IRA. Section 60401 provided funding for data collection efforts on the disproportionate harms and cumulative impacts resulting from pollution and climate change.

Section 19: Rescission of Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60501 of the IRA. Section 60501 provided funding to FHWA for a grant program to improve walkability, safety and affordability in transportation, as well as mitigate and remediate impacts from transportation facilities.

Section 20: Rescission of Funding for Federal Building Assistance

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60502 of the IRA. Section 60502 provided funding to convert GSA facilities to green buildings.

Section 21: Rescission of Funding for Low-Carbon Materials for Federal Buildings

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60503 of the IRA. Section 60503 provided funding for the GSA to acquire building materials with lower levels of embodied GHG emissions related to the materials' entire lifecycles from production to disposal.

Section 22: Rescission of Funding for GSA Emerging and Sustainable Technologies

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60504 of the IRA. Section 60504 provided funding to the GSA "for emerging and sustainable technologies, and related sustainability and environmental programs."

Section 23: Rescission of Environmental Review Implementation Funds

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60505 of the IRA. Section 60505 provided funding to FHWA to establish a program that increases efficiency in the environmental review process's development and review of documents.

Section 24: Rescission of Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants

This section rescinds all unobligated funds under Section 60506 of the IRA. Section 60506 provided to FHWA funding to establish a program that encourages the use of construction materials with substantially lower levels of embodied GHG emissions.

Section 25: John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

This section provides $257 million in funding needed for the capital repair, restoration, maintenance backlog, and security structures of the Kennedy Center's building and site.

Section 26: Project Sponsor Opt-In Fees for Environmental Reviews

This section amends NEPA by adding an optional fee mechanism whereby project sponsors can access expedited timelines for their project's environmental reviews. The fee is set at 125 percent of the costs to prepare the environmental document or supervision and preparation of the environmental document when the project sponsor opts to prepare the document. Once the fee is paid, the provision sets a one-year timeline for completion of an Environmental Impact Statement and six-month timeline for an Environmental Assessment.