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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BLUMENAUER 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vision Zero Act of
3 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. VISION ZERO PLANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 171. Vision zero plans**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available to carry
10 out this section may be used by a State to—

11 “(1) develop and implement vision zero plans in
12 an eligible locality to eliminate transportation-related
13 fatalities and serious injuries in such locality within
14 a specified timeframe, not to exceed 20 years; and

15 “(2) carry out activities pursuant to such plans.

16 “(b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—A vision zero plan de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) shall include—

18 “(1) a description of projects or policies in-
19 tended to eliminate transportation-related fatalities
20 and serious injuries within a specified timeframe,
21 not to exceed 20 years, using existing transportation
22 and health data and consideration of risk factors,
23 which may include—

24 “(A) an evaluation of how development
25 and implementation of safety-focused auto-
26 motive technologies, vehicle-to-vehicle commu-

1 nication, and vehicle-to-infrastructure commu-
2 nication can help eliminate transportation-re-
3 lated fatalities and serious injuries; and

4 “(B) roadway design guidance that
5 prioritizes the safety of all users, with a focus
6 on reducing speeds to the extent practicable
7 within State law and separating modes of trans-
8 portation;

9 “(2) plans for implementation of, education of
10 the public about, and enforcement of such projects
11 or policies;

12 “(3) a description of how such policies, projects,
13 and enforcement will—

14 “(A) equitably invest in the safety needs of
15 low-income and minority communities;

16 “(B) ensure that such communities are not
17 disproportionately targeted by law enforcement;
18 and

19 “(C) protect the rights of members of such
20 communities with respect to title VI of the Civil
21 Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);

22 “(4) a description of the required involvement
23 and expected collaboration of various subdivisions of
24 a unit of local government in the implementation of
25 the plan, including subdivisions in charge of law en-

1 enforcement, public health, data-collection, and public
2 works; and

3 “(5) a description of a mechanism to evaluate
4 progress of the implementation of the plan, including
5 the gathering and use of transportation safety and
6 demographic data.

7 “(c) ELIGIBLE LOCALITY DEFINED.—In this section,
8 the term ‘eligible locality’ means a unit of local govern-
9 ment including a city, town, township, borough, county,
10 parish, district, village, or other political subdivision of a
11 State.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
13 ter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
14 ing after the item relating to section 170 the following:
 “171. Vision zero plans.”.

15 (c) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PRO-
16 GRAM.—Section 133 of title 23, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b) by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 “(16) The development and implementation of
21 vision zero plans under section 171.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and

24 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
2 following:

3 “(3) for the development and implementation of
4 vision zero plans under section 171;”.

5 (d) HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—
6 Section 148 of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(4)(B) by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 “(xxix) The development and imple-
10 mentation of a vision zero plan under sec-
11 tion 171.”;

12 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(i) by inserting “de-
13 sign speed and speed limit,” after “crossing needs;”
14 and

15 (3) in subsection (h)(1)(A) by inserting “, in-
16 cluding any efforts designed to reduce speed” after
17 “under this section”.

18 (e) CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IM-
19 PROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Section 149(b) of title 23,
20 United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (8)(B) by striking “; or” and
22 inserting a semicolon;

23 (2) in paragraph (9) by striking the period and
24 inserting “; or”; and

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

- 1 “(10) for the development and implementation
- 2 of vision zero plans under section 171.”.