

## S 1144

### Rural Transit Improvement and Flexibility Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** May 21, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Jun 3, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1144>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]        | R · ID        |      | May 21, 2009 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]        | D · MT        |      | May 21, 2009 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]    | R · AK        |      | Jun 16, 2009 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO        |      | Jul 9, 2009  |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]    | R · ID        |      | Apr 22, 2010 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity        | Date        |
|---|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee   | Senate  | Referred To     | Jun 3, 2009 |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Jun 3, 2009 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Rural Transit Improvement and Flexibility Act of 2009 - Revises the apportionment of nonurbanized formula grants for amounts remaining after apportionment for grants to Indian tribes for public transportation on Indian reservations for FY2006-FY2009. Increases from 20% to 25% the amount of remaining funds to be apportioned to a state based on its land area. Decreases correspondingly from 80% to 75% the amount of remaining funds to be apportioned to a state based on population in nonurbanized areas.

Limits to 25% of its apportionment for a formula grant for a capital project for the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities the amount a state may use for operating costs of equipment and facilities.

Limits a grant for operating assistance from exceeding 50% of the net operating project costs. Increases such limit to 62.5% of the government share of project costs in the case of a state containing nontaxable Indian lands, individual and tribal, and public domain lands (both reserved and unreserved), national forests, and national parks and monuments.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program for the award of grants to states to establish transit centers to improve transit service (buses and other transit vehicles) in urbanized areas with a population of less than 200,000 and in nonurbanized areas.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 3, 2009:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 3, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **May 21, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 21, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.