

HR 5947

Invest in American Railroads Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill revises and expands the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Specifically, the bill

- authorizes DOT to pay certain credit risk premiums for loans or loan guarantees;
- requires DOT to set aside at least \$100 million for passenger rail projects in a given fiscal year;
- directs DOT to provide loans and loan guarantees to private entities with controlling ownership in one or more freight railroads other than Class I carriers;
- expands eligibility under the loan program to include reimbursement of planning, permitting, and design expenses related to acquiring, improving, or rehabilitating intermodal or rail equipment or facilities;
- sets forth collateral and appraisal standards under the program; and
- allows loan repayment terms to be extended up to 50 years after the date of substantial completion of a project, or the estimated useful life of the rail equipment or facilities to be acquired, rehabilitated, improved, developed, or established.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
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