

## S 649

### MORE DOT Grants Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Mar 9, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 9, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1778	Identical bill	<b>Mar 11, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

## **More Opportunities for Rural Economies from DOT Grants Act or the MORE DOT Grants Act**

This bill revises the process for awarding grants under certain programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to high-density public land counties and any units of tribal and local governments within such counties. A *high-density public land county* is a county that has a population of not more than 100,000 people and in which more than 50% of the land is owned or managed by the federal government.

Any requirement for local matching funds under a qualifying grant program must be reduced by 50% with respect to such jurisdictions.

On request, DOT must provide additional technical assistance to such jurisdictions during the annual application period for each qualifying grant program.

DOT must also prioritize grant applications from such jurisdictions that have not received support under the qualifying grant program during the 10-year period preceding the date of the application.

## **Actions Timeline**

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