

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. PERRY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of title I, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1\_\_\_\_\_ ANNUAL REPORT ON COST PREMIUMS FOR**  
2 **CERTAIN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION**  
3 **PROJECTS.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1,  
5 2027, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary  
6 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
7 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
8 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate  
9 a report that includes a detailed quantitative and quali-  
10 tative assessment of the cost premium for each project se-  
11 lected under subsection (b).

12 (b) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall  
13 select not fewer than 3 and not more than 5 surface trans-  
14 portation projects to include in the report required under  
15 subsection (a), which may include the following:

16 (1) A large-scale highway or bridge project eli-  
17 gible for assistance under title 23, United States  
18 Code, including a project to improve a high priority  
19 corridor to meet the design standards and specifica-

1 tions of the Interstate System and connect to the ex-  
2 isting Interstate System.

3 (2) A port infrastructure investment, including  
4 inland port infrastructure or a land port-of-entry.

5 (3) A project to improve a freight bottleneck,  
6 including a highway interchange, corridor, bridge, or  
7 other surface transportation facility that supports  
8 the movement of freight.

9 (4) A safety rest area, commercial motor vehicle  
10 parking facility, weigh station, park-and-ride facility,  
11 or related access improvement eligible under section  
12 180 of title 23, United States Code.

13 (c) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-  
14 section (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) The cost premium, expressed as a percent-  
16 age, for each project selected under subsection (b).

17 (2) A detailed assessment of the factors contrib-  
18 uting to the cost premium, including—

19 (A) compliance with applicable Department  
20 of Transportation design standards, specifica-  
21 tions, guidance, and other requirements specific  
22 to surface transportation projects;

23 (B) prevailing wage and labor require-  
24 ments; and

1 (C) Federal procurement and contracting  
2 requirements.

3 (d) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each report required  
4 under subsection (a) shall include recommendations for  
5 the following:

6 (1) Proposed statutory, regulatory, or policy re-  
7 forms to reduce the cost premium for surface trans-  
8 portation projects.

9 (2) Best practices from the private sector and  
10 State and local government construction projects  
11 that could improve cost efficiency for surface trans-  
12 portation projects.

13 (3) Alternative construction methodologies and  
14 procurement strategies that could mitigate the cost  
15 premium for surface transportation projects.

16 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “cost pre-  
17 mium”, with respect to a surface transportation project,  
18 means the difference between—

19 (1) the cost to construct such project if carried  
20 out using Federal assistance or subject to Federal  
21 requirements; and

22 (2) the estimated cost to construct a substan-  
23 tially similar project if carried out by a private enti-  
24 ty or without Federal assistance, as adjusted for  
25 project size, geographic location, function, com-

- 1 plexity, labor market conditions, and other relevant
- 2 factors.

