

Transportation Infrastructure Committee Policy

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Division L of the *America COMPETES Act* versus the *U.S. Innovation and Competition Act*:

Overview

The only provision in Division L of the America COMPETES Act, which features programs under the jurisdiction of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is Section 110001 to establish a new long-term economic development planning grant program. The provision is based on a bill ([HR4651](#)) first introduced by Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA), the Rebuilding Economies and Creating Opportunities for More People to Excel (RECOMPETE) Act. Although there is a Senate companion ([S2464](#)) introduced by Sens. Coons (D-DE), Bennet (D-CO), Klobuchar (D-MN) and Rosen (D-NV), it was not included in the Senate-passed U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA).

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Recompete Pilot Program	✓	✗

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Recompete Pilot Program	<p>The COMPETES Act would authorize \$4 billion to create a new “Recompete Pilot Program” that would provide 10-year grants to local governments, tribal communities or their designated recipients to implement comprehensive economic development plans intended to alleviate persistent economic distress and spur lasting job creation.</p> <p>The pilot program would be administered by the Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration.</p> <p>Eligible areas include local labor markets, including tribal lands, where the average prime-age employment rate is at least 2.5 percent higher than the national prime-age employment rate over the last five years and meets other criteria set by the Secretary.</p> <p>Eligible entities include local governments, including tribal governments, and entities authorized by local governments to oversee this program.</p>	No comparable provision.