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Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 25, 2021]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Advanced Air Mobility*
5 *Coordination and Leadership Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY WORKING GROUP.**

7 *(a) WORKING GROUP.—Not later than 120 days after*
8 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-*
9 *tation shall establish an advanced air mobility interagency*
10 *working group (in this section referred to as the “working*
11 *group”).*

12 *(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the working group es-*
13 *tablished under subsection (a) shall be to plan and coordi-*
14 *nate efforts related to the safety, operations, infrastructure,*
15 *physical security, cybersecurity, and Federal investment*
16 *necessary for maturation of the AAM ecosystem in the*
17 *United States. It is critical that Government agencies col-*
18 *laborate in order to enhance United States leadership, de-*
19 *velop new transportation options, amplify economic activ-*
20 *ity and jobs, advance environmental sustainability and new*
21 *technologies, and support emergency preparedness and com-*
22 *petitiveness.*

23 *(c) MEMBERSHIP.—Not later than 60 days after the*
24 *establishment of the working group under subsection (a),*
25 *the Secretary of Transportation shall—*

1 (1) *appoint the Under Secretary of Transpor-*
2 *tation for Policy to chair the working group;*

3 (2) *designate not less than one additional rep-*
4 *resentative to participate on the working group from*
5 *each of—*

6 (A) *the Department of Transportation; and*

7 (B) *the Federal Aviation Administration;*

8 *and*

9 (3) *invite the heads of each of the following de-*
10 *partments or agencies to designate not less than 1*
11 *representative to participate on the working group,*
12 *including—*

13 (A) *the National Aeronautics and Space*
14 *Administration;*

15 (B) *the Department of Defense;*

16 (C) *the Department of Energy;*

17 (D) *the Department of Homeland Security;*

18 (E) *the Department of Commerce;*

19 (F) *the Federal Communications Commis-*
20 *sion; and*

21 (G) *such other departments or agencies as*
22 *the Secretary of Transportation determines ap-*
23 *propriate.*

24 (d) *COORDINATION.—*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Transpor-*
2 *tation and Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-*
3 *ministration shall coordinate with aviation industry*
4 *and labor stakeholders, stakeholder associations, and*
5 *others determined appropriate by the Secretary of*
6 *Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal*
7 *Aviation Administration, including the following:*

8 (A) *Manufacturers of aircraft, avionics,*
9 *propulsion systems, and air traffic management*
10 *systems.*

11 (B) *Intended operators of AAM aircraft.*

12 (C) *Commercial air carriers, commercial*
13 *operators, and general aviation operators, in-*
14 *cluding helicopter operators.*

15 (D) *Airports, heliports, and fixed-base oper-*
16 *ators.*

17 (E) *Aviation training and maintenance*
18 *providers.*

19 (F) *Certified labor representatives of pilots,*
20 *air traffic control specialists employed by the*
21 *Federal Aviation Administration, aircraft me-*
22 *chanics, and aviation safety inspectors.*

23 (G) *State, local, and Tribal officials or pub-*
24 *lic agencies.*

25 (H) *First responders.*

1 (I) *Groups representing environmental in-*
2 *terests.*

3 (J) *Electric utilities, energy providers, en-*
4 *ergy market operators, and wireless providers.*

5 (K) *Unmanned aircraft system operators*
6 *and service suppliers.*

7 (L) *Groups representing consumer interests.*

8 (M) *Groups representing the interests of*
9 *taxpayers.*

10 (2) *ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—The Secretary of*
11 *Transportation and Administrator of the Federal*
12 *Aviation Administration may use such Federal advi-*
13 *sory committees as may be appropriate to coordinate*
14 *with the entities listed in paragraph (1).*

15 (e) *REVIEW AND EXAMINATION.—Not later than 1 year*
16 *after the establishment of the working group under sub-*
17 *section (a), the working group shall complete a review and*
18 *examination of, at a minimum—*

19 (1) *steps that will mature AAM aircraft oper-*
20 *ations, concepts, and regulatory frameworks beyond*
21 *initial operations;*

22 (2) *safety requirements and physical and cyber-*
23 *security involved with future air traffic management*
24 *concepts which may be considered as part of the evo-*
25 *lution of AAM to higher levels of traffic density;*

1 (3) *current Federal programs and policies that*
2 *may be leveraged to advance the maturation of the*
3 *AAM industry;*

4 (4) *infrastructure, including aviation,*
5 *multimodal, cybersecurity, and utility infrastructure,*
6 *necessary to accommodate and support expanded op-*
7 *erations of AAM after initial implementation;*

8 (5) *anticipated benefits associated with AAM*
9 *aircraft operations, including economic, environ-*
10 *mental, emergency and natural disaster response, and*
11 *transportation benefits; and*

12 (6) *other factors that may limit the full potential*
13 *of the AAM industry, including community accept-*
14 *ance of AAM operations.*

15 (f) *PLAN AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Based on the re-*
16 *view and examination performed under subsection (e), the*
17 *working group shall develop—*

18 (1) *recommendations regarding the safety, oper-*
19 *ations, security, cybersecurity, infrastructure, and*
20 *other Federal investment or actions necessary to sup-*
21 *port the evolution of early AAM to higher levels of ac-*
22 *tivity and societal benefit; and*

23 (2) *a comprehensive plan detailing the roles and*
24 *responsibilities of each Federal department or agency*

1 to facilitate or implement the recommendations in
2 paragraph (1).

3 (g) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the com-
4 pletion of the review and examination completed under sub-
5 section (e), the working group shall submit to the Committee
6 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
8 Transportation of the Senate a report that—

9 (1) details the review and examination per-
10 formed under subsection (e); and

11 (2) provides the plan and recommendations de-
12 veloped under subsection (f).

13 (h) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this Act:

14 (1) *ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY; AAM.*—The terms
15 “advanced air mobility” and “AAM” mean a trans-
16 portation system that transports people and property
17 by air between two points in the United States using
18 aircraft, including electric aircraft or electric vertical
19 take-off and landing aircraft, in both controlled and
20 uncontrolled airspace.

21 (2) *ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT.*—The term “electric
22 aircraft” means an aircraft with a fully electric or
23 hybrid (fuel and electric) driven propulsion system
24 used for flight.

1 (3) *FIXED-BASE OPERATOR.*—*The term “fixed-*
2 *base operator” means a business granted the right by*
3 *an airport sponsor or heliport sponsor to operate on*
4 *an airport or heliport and provide aeronautical serv-*
5 *ices, including fueling and charging, aircraft*
6 *hanging, tiedown and parking, aircraft rental, air-*
7 *craft maintenance, and flight instruction.*

8 (4) *STATE.*—*The term “State” has the meaning*
9 *given such term in section 47102 of title 49, United*
10 *States Code.*

11 (5) *VERTICAL TAKE-OFF AND LANDING.*—*The*
12 *term “vertical take-off and landing” means an air-*
13 *craft with lift/thrust units used to generate powered*
14 *lift and control and with two or more lift/thrust units*
15 *used to provide lift during vertical take-off or land-*
16 *ing.*