

**Rep. Tom Cole
FY24 – THUD
Amendment #2**

**AMENDMENT TO TRANSPORTATION-HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL
REPUBLICAN EN BLOC
OFFERED BY MR. COLE OF OKLAHOMA**

BILL

In the bill:

On page 4, line 4, strike “\$70,000” and replace with “\$10,000”.

At the end of the bill, before the Spending Reduction Account, insert the following general provisions:

“SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used for any program, project, or activity associated with the collection of tolls on Interstate Route 5 or Interstate Route 205 in the State of Oregon.”

“SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated or expended to fly or display a flag over a facility of a Department or agency funded by this Act other than the flag of the United States; the flag of a State, insular area, or the District of Columbia; the flag of a Federally recognized Tribal entity; the official flag of the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; the official flag of a U.S. Department or agency; or the POW/MIA flag.”

“SEC. _____. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman.

(b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action taken by the Federal Government to—

(1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to in subsection (a);

(2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax purposes of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;

(3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, license, certification, accreditation, employment, or other similar position or status from or to such person;

(4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or benefit under a Federal benefit program, including admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a degree from an educational program, from or to such person; or

(5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitlement to Federal property, facilities, educational institutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited, and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising campaigns from or to such person.

(c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—The Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for such purposes but for a determination against such person wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection (a).”

“ Sec. ____ . None of the funds made available by this title may be used in contravention of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. ”

REPORT

In the report:

On page 10, before the header “RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY” insert the following:

“ *Responsiveness of the Secretary.*— The Committee reminds the Secretary of his role to lead the DOT in their mission of delivering the world’s leading transportation system. The Committee notes that the Secretary took three weeks to visit the site of the February 3, 2023 train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. The Committee expects the Secretary to lead the Department in a safe, efficient, and effective manner. ”

On page 112, before the first paragraph, insert the following:

“ Section ___ prohibits funds from being used for tolling on certain highways. ”

“ Section ___ prohibits funds from being used to display extraneous flags at facilities of Departments or agencies. ”

“ Section ___ prohibits the use of funds to discriminate against a person who speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman. ”

“ Section ___ prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.”

On page 133, after the second paragraph, insert the following:

“ Section ___ prohibits funds from being used for tolling on certain highways. ”

“ Section ___ prohibits funds from being used to display extraneous flags at facilities of Departments or agencies. ”

“ Section ___ prohibits the use of funds to discriminate against a person who speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman. ”

“ Section ___ prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.”

Page 273, in the “Community Project Funding” table, strike the line that includes “LGBTQ Senior Housing, Inc.”

Page 327, in the “Community Project Funding” table, strike the line that includes “Gay Community Center of Philadelphia d/b/a William Way LGBT Center”

Page 332, in the “Community Project Funding” table, strike the line that includes “LGBT Center of Greater Reading”