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H. R. 2705

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Federal Advisory Committee on Women in Aviation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Women in Aviation
5 Advisory Board Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN**
7 **AVIATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
10 tation shall establish a Federal Advisory Committee on

1 Women in Aviation (in this section referred to as the
2 “Committee”).

3 (b) DUTIES.—The Committee shall advise the Sec-
4 retary of Transportation and the Administrator of the
5 Federal Aviation Administration on matters related to the
6 education, training, mentorship, outreach, recruitment,
7 and retention of women in the aviation industry.

8 (c) SUPPORT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall
9 establish in the Department of Transportation an office
10 to provide administrative and logistical support to the
11 Committee.

12 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—Not later than 90 days after the
13 establishment of the Committee under subsection (a), the
14 Secretary of Transportation shall—

15 (1) appoint members of the Committee, includ-
16 ing not less than one representative from each of the
17 following, including—

18 (A) manufacturers of aircraft, avionics,
19 propulsion systems, and air traffic management
20 systems;

21 (B) commercial air carriers, general avia-
22 tion operators, and unmanned aircraft systems
23 operators;

24 (C) airports;

1 (D) aviation training and maintenance pro-
2 viders;

3 (E) certified labor representatives of pilots,
4 flight attendants, air traffic control specialists
5 employed by the Federal Aviation Administra-
6 tion, aircraft mechanics, aviation safety inspec-
7 tors;

8 (F) institutions of higher education and
9 aviation trade schools; and

10 (G) nonprofit organizations within the
11 aviation industry;

12 (2) invite the heads of each of the following de-
13 partments or agencies to designate not less than 1
14 representative to participate on the Committee, in-
15 cluding—

16 (A) the Department of Transportation;

17 (B) the Federal Aviation Administration;

18 (C) the Transportation Security Adminis-
19 tration;

20 (D) the National Transportation Safety
21 Board;

22 (E) the National Aeronautics and Space
23 Administration; and

24 (F) any other departments or agencies as
25 the Secretary determines appropriate; and

1 (3) invite the Chair of the Committee to ap-
2 point up to 6 additional members approved by the
3 Committee to ensure balanced representation from
4 the aviation industry, labor stakeholders, and stake-
5 holder associations.

6 (e) CHAIR AND SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS.—The Com-
7 mittee shall select a member to serve as Chairperson and
8 shall select such subcommittee chairs as the Committee
9 may require.

10 (f) DURATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), members of the Committee shall be ap-
13 pointed for 6 year terms.

14 (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members ap-
15 pointed under subsection (d)(14) shall serve for a 2
16 year term.

17 (3) SUCCESSION.—In the case of a member re-
18 signing, dying, or otherwise becoming incapable of
19 serving on the Committee, the Chair shall appoint a
20 member to serve for the remaining period of the
21 term.

22 (4) TERM EXPIRATION.—Upon the expiration of
23 a term of a member of the Committee, such member
24 may serve until a replacement member is appointed
25 under subsection (d).

1 (5) VACANCIES.—Not later than 90 days after
2 receiving notice of a vacancy in the Committee, the
3 Chair shall fill the vacancy in the same manner as
4 the original appointment.

5 (g) MEETINGS.—The Committee—

6 (1) shall meet not less than 2 times per year;
7 and

8 (2) may conduct business through public hear-
9 ings, site visits, briefings, and other activities deter-
10 mined appropriate by the Committee.

11 (h) REPORTING.—Not less than once per year, the
12 Committee shall submit to the Secretary of Transpor-
13 tation, the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and
14 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the
15 Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
16 Transportation of the Senate a report describing the ac-
17 tivities and recommendations of the Committee.

18 (i) COMPENSATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Committee members shall
20 serve without compensation.

21 (2) PER DIEM.—The members shall be allowed
22 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-
23 ence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies
24 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
25 States Code.

1 (j) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Section 14 of the Fed-
2 eral Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.) shall not
3 apply to the committee.

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