

provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by April 1, 2008.

The Appropriations Committees delete language proposed by the House regarding the Department of Defense schools and FAA employees in Puerto Rico and Guam.

Small community air service development program.--The Appropriations Committees strongly disagree with the Department's plan to transfer the administration of the small community air service development program from the OST policy office to the Federal Aviation Administration. In the aftermath of the tragic ValuJet crash on May 11, 1996, the Congress eliminated the FAA's dual mission of safety and promotion and established safety as the agency's singular mission through the enactment of section 401 of the Federal Aviation Authorization Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-264). The Appropriations Committees agree that it is inappropriate for the FAA, which is charged with the safety and regulatory oversight of our nation's airports and aviation system, to administer a marketing program designed to attract commercial air service at small airports. The Appropriations Committees direct the Secretary to retain this program within the policy office where it currently resides.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

The amended bill provides \$9,140,900 for the office of civil rights as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The amended bill provides \$13,883,900 for transportation planning, research and development instead of \$8,515,000 as proposed by the House and \$14,115,000 as proposed by the Senate. Adjustments to the budget request are as follows:

Ballast water research, UW-Superior, WI	\$980,000
Great Lakes maritime research institute, WI	980,000
Inland Pacific Hub Analysis Project, WA	245,000
National center for manufacturing sciences (NCMS), MI	735,000
SR-520 innovative water quality protection project, WA	343,000
Transportation and public safety traffic information exchange pilot project, DE	328,300
UVM advanced ground penetrating radar systems, VT	656,600
Virtual accident and injury reconstruction center, Mississippi State University, MS	980,000
Washington State University freight transportation policy institute, WA	441,000

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