

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6052, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation  
3 shall carry out a national consumer awareness program  
4 (in this section referred to as the “program”) to educate  
5 the public on the environmental, energy, and economic  
6 benefits of transportation alternatives to the single occu-  
7 pant vehicle, including carpooling, vanpooling, transit, and  
8 bicycles.

9 (b) GRANTS.—

10 (1) PURPOSES.—In carrying out the program,  
11 the Secretary shall make grants to establish, expand,  
12 and enhance local marketing and educational cam-  
13 paigns that promote the benefits of alternative  
14 transportation and reducing motor vehicle trips.

15 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The following enti-  
16 ties shall be eligible to receive a grant under this  
17 subsection:

18 (A) State and city departments of trans-  
19 portation.

20 (B) Metropolitan planning organizations.

1 (C) City, county, and State governments.

2 (D) Universities and school districts.

3 (3) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Grant funds made  
4 available under this subsection may be used for the  
5 following purposes:

6 (A) Public forums to educate and receive  
7 feedback.

8 (B) Ride sharing programs and outreach.

9 (C) Print materials.

10 (D) Employer programs.

11 (E) Distributing and publicizing informa-  
12 tion on alternatives to single occupancy vehicle  
13 trips.

14 (F) Creating, upgrading, and promoting  
15 Internet websites that offer online access to  
16 services that consumers would otherwise have to  
17 drive a motor vehicle to access.

18 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
19 tion to amounts made available under any other law, there  
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21 \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2009. Such sums shall remain  
22 available until expended.

