

Move America Act

Senator's John Hoeven (R-ND) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) are introducing bipartisan legislation that would bring billions of dollars of investment to state and local governments to help grow and repair America's aging infrastructure. The Move America program will create Move America Bonds to expand tax-exempt financing for public-private partnerships (P3) and Move America Credits to leverage additional private equity investment at a lower cost for states. States will have the flexibility to choose which projects are most needed.

Qualifying projects eligible for a tax exemption include airports, ports, transit, freight and passenger rail, roads, bridges, flood projects, inland and costal waterway improvements, wastewater and sewage facilities, and broadband infrastructure.

Move America Bonds – Allows states to issue tax-exempt bonds in partnership with private entities, lowering their overall borrowing cost. States wishing to expand a variety of infrastructure projects would be provided with the option to use Move America Bonds. Each state would receive a bond allocation, based on population size. In addition to providing states and local governments with a new financing tool, Move America Bonds offers:

- Flexible ownership and management arrangements
- Favorable tax treatment, including exemption from the Alternative Minimum Tax
- Any unused volume cap can be carried over for up to five years

Move America Credits – Allows smaller states hesitant to issue more debt, or who are looking to leverage more private equity, the ability to trade in some or all of their bond allocation for federal tax credits at a 25 percent rate.

- Credits are available for direct investment in a project, reducing capital costs and expanding the potential investment pool
- States can elect to use the credits to capitalize state infrastructure banks or other infrastructure revolving funds, allowing greater usage of the credit on non-revenue projects
- Move America Credits can be used in conjunction with Move America Bonds or other federal grant or credit assistance programs, like TIFIA

JCT Score: \$8 billion over 10 years. This provides \$226 billion worth of bond authority over the next 10 years or up to \$56 billion in tax credits over 10 years.

Supporters: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, The Business Roundtable, American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), Associated General Contractors (AGC), American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), Airports Council International (ACI-NA), Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI), The Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)