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H. R. 2197

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIALS PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means
2 a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant
3 under this section.

4 (2) ENERGY-EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy-effi-
6 ciency material” means a material (including a
7 product, equipment, or system) the installation
8 of which results in a reduction in use by a non-
9 profit organization of energy or fuel.

10 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy-effi-
11 ciency material” includes—

12 (i) a roof or lighting system or compo-
13 nent of the system;

14 (ii) a window;

15 (iii) a door, including a security door;

16 (iv) a heating, ventilation, or air con-
17 ditioning system or component of the sys-
18 tem (including insulation and wiring and
19 plumbing improvements needed to serve a
20 more efficient system); and

21 (v) a renewable energy generation or
22 heating system, including a solar, photo-
23 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-
24 cluding wood pellet) system or component
25 of the system.

1 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit
3 building” means a building operated and owned
4 by an organization that is described in section
5 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
6 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of
7 such Code.

8 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit
9 building” includes a building described in sub-
10 paragraph (A) that is—

- 11 (i) a hospital;
12 (ii) a youth center;
13 (iii) a school;
14 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;
15 (v) a faith-based organization; or
16 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-
17 commercial structure.

18 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of Energy.

20 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
22 tablish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose
23 of providing nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency ma-
24 terials.

25 (c) GRANTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award
2 grants under the program established under sub-
3 section (b).

4 (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
5 grant under paragraph (1) if an applicant submits
6 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
7 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
8 retary may prescribe.

9 (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining
10 whether to award a grant under paragraph (1), the
11 Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,
12 which shall give priority to applicants based on—

13 (A) the energy savings achieved;

14 (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of en-
15 ergy-efficiency materials;

16 (C) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-
17 urement, and verification of energy savings; and

18 (D) the financial need of the applicant.

19 (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT
20 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section
21 shall not exceed \$200,000.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022,
25 to remain available until expended.

1 (e) OFFSET.—Section 422(f) of the Energy Inde-
2 pence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082(f))
3 is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “2018.” and
7 inserting “2017; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2018.”.

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