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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2017

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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efficiency materials pilot program.

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:

6   (1) APPLICANT.—The term "applicant" means

7   a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant

8   under this section.

9   (2) ENERGY-EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—

1   (A) IN GENERAL.—The term "energy-effi-
2   ciency material" means a material (including a
3   product, equipment, or system) the installation
4   of which results in a reduction in use by a non-
5   profit organization of energy or fuel.
6   (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term "energy-effi-
7   ciency material" includes—
8   (i) a roof or lighting system or compo-
9   nent of the system;
10   (ii) a window;
11   (iii) a door, including a security door;
12   (iv) a heating, ventilation, or air con-
13   ditioning system or component of the sys-
14   tem (including insulation and wiring and
15   plumbing improvements needed to serve a
16   more efficient system); and
17   (v) a renewable energy generation or
18   heating system, including a solar, photo-
19   voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-
20   cluding wood pellet) system or component
21   of the system.
22   (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—
23   (A) IN GENERAL.—The term "nonprofit
24   building" means a building operated and owned
25   by an organization that is described in section

1   501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

2   and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of

3   such Code.

4   (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term "nonprofit

5   building" includes a building described in sub-

6   paragraph (A) that is—

7   (i) a hospital;

8   (ii) a youth center;

9   (iii) a school;

10   (iv) a social-welfare program facility;

11   (v) a faith-based organization; or

12   (vi) any other nonresidential and non-

13   commercial structure.

14   (4) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means

15   the Secretary of Energy.

16   (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after

17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-

18 tablish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose

19 of providing nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency ma-

20 terials.

21   (c) GRANTS.—

22   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award

23   grants under the program established under sub-

24   section (b).

1   (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a

2 grant under paragraph (1) if an applicant submits

3 to the Secretary an application at such time, in such

4 form, and containing such information as the Sec-

5 retary may prescribe.

6   (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining

7 whether to award a grant under paragraph (1), the

8 Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,

9 which shall give priority to applicants based on—

10   (A) the energy savings achieved;

11   (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of en-

12 ergy-efficiency materials;

13   (C) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-

14 urement, and verification of energy savings; and

15   (D) the financial need of the applicant.

16   (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT

17 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section

18 shall not exceed $200,000.

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is

20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

21 $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022,

22 to remain available until expended.

23 (e) OFFSET.—Section 422(f) of the Energy Inde-

24 pendence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082(f))

25 is amended—

1   (1) in paragraph (3), by striking ''and'' at the
2   end;
3   (2) in paragraph (4), by striking ''2018.'' and
4   inserting ''2017; and''; and
5   (3) by adding at the end the following:
6   ''(5) $150,000,000 for fiscal year 2018.''.

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