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H. R. 4416

[Report No. 111-650]

To reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself and Ms. BORDALLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Additional sponsors: Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mrs. MALONEY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 12, 2010]

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Great Ape Conservation*
5 *Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2010”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF GREAT**

7 **APE CONSERVATION ACT.**

8 *The Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 is amended*
9 *as follows:*

10 “(1) *MULTIYEAR GRANTS.*—In section 4 (16
11 *U.S.C. 6303), by adding at the end the following new*
12 *subsections:*

13 “(j) *MULTIYEAR GRANTS.*—

14 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary may award a
15 *multiyear grant under this section to a person who*
16 *is otherwise eligible for a grant under this section, to*
17 *carry out a project that the person demonstrates is an*
18 *effective, long-term conservation strategy for great*
19 *apes and their habitats.*

20 “(2) *ANNUAL GRANTS NOT AFFECTED.*—This
21 *subsection shall not be construed as precluding the*
22 *Secretary from awarding grants on an annual basis.*

23 “(k) *EXCELLENCE IN GREAT APE CONSERVATION*
24 *AWARDS.*—

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, subject to the*
2 *availability of appropriations, may implement a pro-*
3 *gram to acknowledge outstanding achievement in*
4 *great ape conservation, to enhance great ape conserva-*
5 *tion and to demonstrate the indebtedness of the entire*
6 *world to the commitment made by individuals and*
7 *local communities to protect and conserve populations*
8 *of great apes.*

9 “(2) *AWARDS.*—*Under the program, the Sec-*
10 *retary may use amounts appropriated under this sub-*
11 *section to make appropriate awards, including—*

12 “(A) *cash awards, each of which shall not*
13 *exceed \$7,500;*
14 “(B) *noncash awards;*
15 “(C) *posthumous awards; and*
16 “(D) *public ceremonies to acknowledge such*
17 *awards.*

18 “(3) *SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS.*—*The*
19 *Secretary may select each year for receipt of an*
20 *award under the program—*

21 “(A) *no more than three individuals whose*
22 *contributions to the field of great ape conserva-*
23 *tion have had a significant and material impact*
24 *on the conservation of great apes; and*

1 “(B) individuals selected from within great
2 ape range states, whose contributions represent
3 selfless sacrifice and uncommon valor and dedi-
4 cation to the conservation of great apes and their
5 habitats.

6 “(4) NOMINATION GUIDELINES.—Not later than
7 180 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
8 section, and after consultation with the heads of other
9 relevant Federal agencies and other governmental and
10 nongovernmental organizations with expertise in
11 great ape conservation, the Secretary shall publish in
12 the Federal Register guidelines specifying the details
13 and process for nominating award candidates. Such
14 guidelines shall allow for nominations of both citizens
15 and noncitizens of the United States.”.

16 (2) PANEL OF EXPERTS.—In section 4(i) (16
17 U.S.C. 6303(i))—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by—

19 (i) striking “Every 2 years” and in-
20 serting “Within one year after the date of
21 the enactment of the Great Ape Conserva-
22 tion Reauthorization Amendments Act of
23 2010, and every 5 years thereafter”;

24 (ii) striking “may convene” and in-
25 serting “shall convene”;

3 (iv) adding at the end the following
4 new sentence: “The panel shall, to the extent
5 practicable, include representatives from
6 foreign range states with expertise in great
7 ape conservation.”; and

11 “(2) In identifying conservation needs and pri-
12 orities under paragraph (1), the panel shall consider
13 relevant great ape conservation plans or strategies in-
14 cluding scientific research and findings related to—

15 “(A) the conservation needs and priorities
16 of great apes;

19 “(C) applicable strategies developed or initi-
20 ated by the Secretary; and

21 “(D) any other applicable conservation plan
22 or strategy

23 “(3) The Secretary, subject to the availability of
24 appropriations, may pay expenses of convening and
25 facilitating meetings of the panel.”.

7 "SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

8 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund
9 to carry out this Act—

10 “(1) \$5,500,000 for fiscal year 2011;

11 “(2) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

12 “(3) \$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2013;

13 “(4) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and

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