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To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Nonprofit Energy Effi-
5 ciency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (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 IMPROVEMENT.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy-effi-
 6 ciency improvement” means an installed meas-
 7 ure (including a product, equipment, system,
 8 service, or practice) that results in a reduction
 9 in demand by a nonprofit organization for en-
 10 ergy or fuel supplied from outside the nonprofit
 11 building.

12 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy-effi-
 13 ciency improvement” includes an installed
 14 measure described in subparagraph (A) involv-
 15 ing—

16 (i) repairing, replacing, or installing—

17 (I) a roof, electrical wiring,
 18 plumbing, sewage, or lighting system,
 19 or component of a roof, electrical wir-
 20 ing, or system;

21 (II) a window;

22 (III) a door, including a security
 23 door; or

1 (IV) a heating, ventilation, or air
 2 conditioning system or component of
 3 the system (including insulation);

4 (ii) a renewable energy generation or
 5 heating system, including a solar, photo-
 6 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-
 7 cluding wood pellet) system or component
 8 of the system; and

9 (iii) any other measure taken to mod-
 10 ernize, renovate, or repair a nonprofit
 11 building to make the nonprofit building
 12 more energy efficient.

13 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit
 15 building” means a building operated and owned
 16 by a nonprofit organization.

17 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit
 18 building” includes a building described in sub-
 19 paragraph (A) that is—

- 20 (i) a hospital;
- 21 (ii) a youth center;
- 22 (iii) a school;
- 23 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;
- 24 (v) a house of worship; and

1 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-
2 commercial structure.

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

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
7 establish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose
8 of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency
9 improvements.

10 (c) GRANTS.—

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

14 (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
15 grant under this section if an applicant submits to
16 the Secretary an application at such time, in such
17 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
18 retary may prescribe.

19 (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining
20 whether to award a grant under this section, the
21 Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,
22 which shall give priority to applications based on—

23 (A) the cost-effectiveness of the energy-ef-
24 ficiency improvement; and

1 (B) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-
 2 urement, and verification of energy savings.

3 (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT
 4 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section
 5 shall not exceed—

6 (A) an amount equal to 50 percent of the
 7 energy-efficiency improvement; and

8 (B) \$200,000.

9 (5) COST SHARING.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under
 11 this section shall be subject to a minimum non-
 12 Federal cost-sharing requirement of 50 percent.

13 (B) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-
 14 Federal share may be provided in the form of
 15 in-kind contributions of materials or services.

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 18 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016,
 19 to remain available until expended.

20 **SEC. 3. OFFSET.**

21 Section 399A(i) of the Energy Policy and Conserva-
 22 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6371h–1(i)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2013” and
 24 inserting “2012 and \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal
 25 years 2013 through 2016”; and

- 1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2013” and
- 2 inserting “2016”.

