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H. R. 3125

To authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to make competitive grants to support research and development, education, and training to produce a bio-based aviation fuel for use by the Air Force and to provide an initial infusion of funds for the grant program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Mr. ENYART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. BIO-BASED AVIATION FUEL RESEARCH AND DE-**
4 **VELOPMENT, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING EF-**
5 **FORTS.**

6 (a) COMPETITIVE GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

1 (1) AUTHORIZATION AND PRIMARY PURPOSE.—

2 The Secretary of the Air Force may make a grant,
3 on a competitive basis, to an existing biofuels re-
4 search center in the United States to conduct pilot-
5 scale research, development, and testing of bio-based
6 fuels that are suitable for use by the Air Force as
7 an aviation fuel for jet aircraft.

8 (2) ADDITIONAL PURPOSES.—Grant funds pro-
9 vided under paragraph (1) may also be used by the
10 grant recipient to train military and civilian per-
11 sonnel in the new technologies and to conduct a
12 study regarding the economic feasibility of a full-
13 scale bio-based aviation fuel production facility.

14 (b) GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Grant applicants shall sub-
16 mit an application to the Secretary of the Air Force
17 at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by
18 such information as the Secretary may reasonably
19 require.

20 (2) SELECTION PREFERENCE.—In conducting
21 the competition for selection of the grant recipient,
22 the Secretary shall give a preference to an existing
23 biofuels research center in the United States that—

24 (A) has the capacity and expertise nec-
25 essary to quickly and efficiently conduct the

1 pilot-scale research, development, and testing
2 described in subsection (a)(1); and

3 (B) is located in close proximity to—

4 (i) the raw materials specified in sub-
5 paragraph (B) of subsection (a)(1);

6 (ii) a military installation with respon-
7 sibility for military air transportation; and

8 (iii) a private or commercial airport
9 with capacity to host a research and pilot
10 production facility.

11 (c) GRANT AMOUNTS.—Grants under subsection (a)
12 may not exceed a total \$25,000,000. With the approval
13 of the Secretary of the Air Force, grant funds may be
14 used for infrastructure to facilitate the pilot-scale re-
15 search, development, and testing described in subsection
16 (a)(1).

17 (d) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law, the Secretary of Defense shall transfer
19 to the Secretary of the Air Force \$25,000,000 from unob-
20 ligated amounts in the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund
21 to provide funds for grants under subsection (a). The
22 transferred funds shall be available to the Secretary of the
23 Air Force, until expended, only for the purpose of making
24 grants under subsection (a). The Secretary of the Air

- 1 Force shall obligate such funds as soon as practicable
- 2 after the establishment of the grant program.

