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S. 3115

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend and modify the rural energy savings program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2018

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Rural Housing Oppor-
5 tunity Maximization for Energy Savings Act” or the
6 “Rural HOMES Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

8 Section 6407 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
9 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
4 “or” at the end;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
6 the period at the end and inserting “; or”;
7 and

8 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(D) an entity comparable to an entity de-
11 scribed in any of subparagraphs (A) through
12 (C) that the Secretary determines provides en-
13 ergy efficiency services to rural consumers.”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) by striking “The term” and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

18 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘energy effi-
21 ciency measures’ includes the replacement of a
22 manufactured home with another manufactured
23 home if the eligible entity determines that the
24 replacement would be cost-effective in increas-
25 ing energy efficiency.”;

1 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
 2 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

3 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 4 following:

5 “(3) MANUFACTURED HOME.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
 7 graph (B), the term ‘manufactured home’ has
 8 the meaning given the term in section 982.4(b)
 9 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
 10 cessor regulations).

11 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—The term ‘manufac-
 12 tured home’ includes only an owner-occupied
 13 manufactured home that is located on land—

14 “(i) that is owned by the owner of the
 15 manufactured home; or

16 “(ii) for which the owner of the manu-
 17 factured home has a long-term lease ar-
 18 rangement that—

19 “(I) is not less than 2 years
 20 longer than the term of the applicable
 21 loan under this section; and

22 “(II) includes a predetermined
 23 rental rate agreement.”; and

1 (E) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated),
2 by striking “served by” and inserting “located
3 in the service area of”;
4 (2) in subsection (d)(1)(B), by inserting “(or
5 not more than 20 years in the case of a loan for the
6 replacement of a manufactured home with another
7 manufactured home)” after “10 years”; and
8 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “2018” and
9 inserting “2023”.

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