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H. R. 3282

To authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a prize competition for the research, development, or commercialization of technology that would reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, including by capturing carbon dioxide directly from the atmosphere.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2019

Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WILD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Carbon Capture Prize
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIZE COMPETITION.**

2 (a) PRIZE COMPETITION.—The Secretary of Energy,
3 individually or in cooperation with the heads of other Fed-
4 eral agencies, shall carry out a program pursuant to sec-
5 tion 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation
6 Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) to award prizes competi-
7 tively to incentivize the research, development, or commer-
8 cialization of technology that reduces the amount of car-
9 bon dioxide in the atmosphere by direct carbon removal
10 and permanent sequestration.

11 (b) PRIZE AMOUNT.—In carrying out the program
12 established under subsection (a), the Secretary may award
13 not more than \$30,000,000, in the aggregate, to the win-
14 ner or winners of the prize competition.

15 (c) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL AGENCY.—In this sec-
16 tion, the term “Federal agency” has the meaning given
17 the term under section 24(a)(3) of the Stevenson-Wydler
18 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719
19 (a)(3)).

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