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H. R. 5905

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a demonstration initiative focused on the development of long-duration energy storage technologies, including a joint program to be established in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Ms. SHERRILL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a demonstration initiative focused on the development of long-duration energy storage technologies, including a joint program to be established in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes.

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 “Joint Long-Term Stor-
5 age Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

2 The purposes of this Act are—

3 (1) to facilitate the development of long-dura-
4 tion energy storage technologies;

5 (2) to increase the commercial viability of long-
6 duration energy storage technologies; and

7 (3) to increase the energy resilience and energy
8 security and national security of the United States
9 through the use of long-duration energy storage
10 technologies.

11 **SEC. 3. LONG-DURATION ENERGY STORAGE DEMONSTRA-**
12 **TION INITIATIVE.**

13 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) DIRECTOR OF ARPA-E.—The term “Direc-
15 tor of ARPA-E” means the Secretary of Energy,
16 acting through the Director of the Advanced Re-
17 search Projects Agency–Energy.

18 (2) DIRECTOR OF ESTCP.—The term “Director
19 of ESTCP” means the Secretary of Defense, acting
20 through the Director of the Environmental Security
21 Technology Certification Program of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense.

23 (3) DIRECTORS.—The term “Directors” means
24 the Director of ARPA-E and the Director of
25 ESTCP, acting jointly.

1 (4) INITIATIVE.—The term “Initiative” means
2 the demonstration initiative established under sub-
3 section (b).

4 (5) JOINT PROGRAM.—The term “Joint Pro-
5 gram” means the joint program established under
6 subsection (f).

7 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 200 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of ARPA—
9 E shall establish a demonstration initiative composed of
10 demonstration projects focused on the development of
11 long-duration energy storage technologies.

12 (c) GOALS.—The goals of the Initiative shall be—

13 (1) to demonstrate the potential benefits of
14 long-duration energy storage to—

15 (A) the resilience of the electricity grid, in-
16 cluding the security of critical infrastructure;
17 and

18 (B) efficient use of the electricity grid
19 through—

20 (i) peak load reduction; or

21 (ii) avoided investments in traditional
22 grid infrastructure;

23 (2) to increase the commercial viability of long-
24 duration energy storage technologies;

1 (3)(A) to identify the range of services that
2 long-duration energy storage technologies can pro-
3 vide to the electricity grid; and

4 (B) to the maximum extent practicable, to
5 quantify the value of those services;

6 (4) to investigate challenges to the greater de-
7 ployment of long-duration energy storage tech-
8 nologies;

9 (5) to identify and develop a range of tech-
10 nology types; and

11 (6) to improve the integration of energy storage
12 and the grid.

13 (d) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—To the maximum ex-
14 tent practicable, in selecting demonstration projects to
15 participate in the Initiative, the Director of ARPA-E
16 shall—

17 (1) ensure a range of technology types;

18 (2) ensure regional diversity among projects, in-
19 cluding appropriate representation of rural areas;

20 (3) consider microgrid, islanded, or off-grid ap-
21 plications; and

22 (4) ensure that any project selected is designed
23 to achieve one or more of the goals described in sub-
24 section (c).

1 (e) COOPERATION WITH ELECTRIC UTILITIES.—A
2 demonstration project selected to participate in the Initia-
3 tive may be carried out in cooperation with the electric
4 utility that owns the grid facilities in the electricity control
5 area in which the demonstration project is carried out.

6 (f) JOINT PROGRAM.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—As part of the Initia-
8 tive, the Director of ARPA-E, in consultation with
9 the Director of ESTCP, shall establish within the
10 Department of Energy a joint program to carry out
11 projects—

12 (A) to demonstrate promising long-dura-
13 tion energy storage technologies at different
14 scales; and

15 (B) to help new, innovative long-duration
16 energy storage technologies become commer-
17 cially viable.

18 (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not
19 later than 200 days after the date of enactment of
20 this Act, the Director of ARPA-E shall enter into
21 a memorandum of understanding with the Director
22 of ESTCP to jointly administer the Joint Program.

23 (3) INFRASTRUCTURE.—In carrying out the
24 Joint Program, the Directors shall—

1 (A) use existing test-bed infrastructure
2 at—

3 (i) Department of Energy facilities;
4 and

5 (ii) Department of Defense installa-
6 tions; and

7 (B) develop new infrastructure for identi-
8 fied projects, if appropriate.

9 (4) GOALS AND METRICS.—The Directors shall
10 develop goals and metrics for technological progress
11 under the Joint Program consistent with energy re-
12 silience and energy security policies.

13 (5) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum ex-
15 tent practicable, in selecting projects to partici-
16 pate in the Joint Program, the Directors
17 shall—

18 (i) ensure that projects are carried
19 out under conditions that represent a vari-
20 ety of environments with different physical
21 conditions and market constraints; and

22 (ii) ensure an appropriate balance
23 of—

24 (I) larger, higher-cost projects;
25 and

1 (II) smaller, lower-cost projects.

2 (B) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the Joint
3 Program, the Directors shall give priority to
4 demonstration projects that—

5 (i) make available to the public key
6 engineering and field data that will accel-
7 erate deployment of long-duration energy
8 storage technologies; and

9 (ii) will be carried out in the field.

10 (6) STATES AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES.—

11 In carrying out the Joint Program, the Directors
12 shall encourage—

13 (A) States to become laboratories of inno-
14 vation in the development of long-duration en-
15 ergy storage technologies; and

16 (B) collaboration between participants in
17 the Joint Program, States, and other appro-
18 priate private sector entities.

19 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Initia-
21 tive—

22 (1) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

23 (2) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

24 (3) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
25 through 2025.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
 2 **DAYS PROGRAM OF THE ADVANCED RE-**
 3 **SEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY-ENERGY.**

4 Section 5012(o) of the America COMPETES Act (42
 5 U.S.C. 16538(o)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
 8 through (E) as clauses (i) through (v), respec-
 9 tively, and indenting appropriately;

10 (B) by striking the paragraph designation
 11 and heading and all that follows through “para-
 12 graphs (4) and (5)” in the matter preceding
 13 clause (i) (as so redesignated) and inserting the
 14 following:

15 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph
 17 (4)”; and

18 (C) by inserting after clause (v) (as so re-
 19 designated) the following:

20 “(B) DAYS PROGRAM.—There is author-
 21 ized to be appropriated to carry out the Dura-
 22 tion Addition to electricitY Storage program
 23 (also known as the ‘DAYS program’) of ARPA—
 24 E \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
 25 through 2024.”; and

- 1 (2) in paragraph (4), in the matter preceding
- 2 subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (2)” and
- 3 inserting “paragraph (2)(A)”.

