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# S. 196

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program.

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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

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## 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 MATERIALS PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means  
9 a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant  
10 under this section.

1 (2) ENERGY-EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy-effi-  
 3 ciency material” means a material (including a  
 4 product, equipment, or system) the installation  
 5 of which results in a reduction in use by a non-  
 6 profit organization of energy or fuel.

7 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy-effi-  
 8 ciency material” includes—

9 (i) a roof or lighting system or compo-  
 10 nent of the system;

11 (ii) a window;

12 (iii) a door, including a security door;

13 (iv) a heating, ventilation, or air con-  
 14 ditioning system or component of the sys-  
 15 tem (including insulation and wiring and  
 16 plumbing improvements needed to serve a  
 17 more efficient system); and

18 (v) a renewable energy generation or  
 19 heating system, including a solar, photo-  
 20 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-  
 21 cluding wood pellet) system or component  
 22 of the system.

23 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit  
 25 building” means a building operated and owned

1 by an organization that is described in section  
2 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
3 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of  
4 such Code.

5 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit  
6 building” includes a building described in sub-  
7 paragraph (A) that is—

8 (i) a hospital;

9 (ii) a youth center;

10 (iii) a school;

11 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;

12 (v) a faith-based organization; or

13 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-  
14 commercial structure.

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

17 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
19 tablish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose  
20 of providing nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency ma-  
21 terials.

22 (c) GRANTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award  
24 grants under the program established under sub-  
25 section (b).

1           (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a  
2           grant under paragraph (1) if an applicant submits  
3           to the Secretary an application at such time, in such  
4           form, and containing such information as the Sec-  
5           retary may prescribe.

6           (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining  
7           whether to award a grant under paragraph (1), the  
8           Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,  
9           which shall give priority to applicants based on—

10                   (A) the energy savings achieved;

11                   (B) the cost effectiveness of the use of en-  
12           ergy-efficiency materials;

13                   (C) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-  
14           urement, and verification of energy savings; and

15                   (D) the financial need of the applicant.

16           (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT  
17           AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section  
18           shall not exceed \$200,000.

19           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
20           authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21           \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025,  
22           to remain available until expended.

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