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# H. R. 1520

To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. STANTON (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. VAN DREW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION**  
4 **BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) PURPOSE.—Section 542(b)(1) of the Energy  
6 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.  
7 17152(b)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and”  
9 and inserting a semicolon;

1           (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the semi-  
2 colon and inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4                   “(C) diversifies energy supplies, including  
5 by facilitating and promoting the use of alter-  
6 native fuels;”.

7           (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 544(9) of the Energy  
8 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.  
9 17154(9)) is amended to read as follows:

10                   “(9) deployment of energy distribution tech-  
11 nologies that significantly increase energy efficiency  
12 or expand access to alternative fuels, including—

13                           “(A) distributed resources;

14                           “(B) district heating and cooling systems;

15                   and

16                           “(C) infrastructure for delivering alter-  
17 native fuels;”.

18           (c) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Section 546(c)(2) of the  
19 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42  
20 U.S.C. 17156(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “, including  
21 projects to expand the use of alternative fuels” before the  
22 period at the end.

23           (d) FUNDING.—Section 548(a) of the Energy Inde-  
24 pendence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17158(a))  
25 is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) GRANTS.—There is authorized to be ap-  
3 propriated to the Secretary to carry out the program  
4 \$3,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
5 through 2028.

6 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary  
7 may use for administrative expenses of the program  
8 not more than 1 percent of the amounts made avail-  
9 able under paragraph (1) in each of fiscal years  
10 2024 through 2028.”.

11 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 543 of the  
12 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42  
13 U.S.C. 17153) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection  
15 (a)(2)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”; and

16 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “subsection  
17 (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (a)(4)”.

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