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# H. R. 5632

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2016

Mr. DOLD (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. RIBBLE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stranded Nuclear  
5 Waste Accountability Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PAYMENTS TO COMMUNITIES THAT**  
2 **ARE IMPACTED BY INTERIM STORAGE OF**  
3 **SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.**

4 (a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Energy shall estab-  
5 lish and carry out a program to make payments to units  
6 of general local government within the jurisdictional  
7 boundaries of which an eligible civilian nuclear power  
8 plant is located.

9 (b) PAYMENTS.—

10 (1) AMOUNT.—Except as provided in paragraph  
11 (3), a payment made to a unit of general local gov-  
12 ernment under the program established under sub-  
13 section (a) shall be equal to \$15 per kilogram of  
14 spent nuclear fuel stored at the eligible civilian nu-  
15 clear power plant that is located within the jurisdic-  
16 tional boundaries of such unit of general local gov-  
17 ernment.

18 (2) NUMBER AND FREQUENCY.—For each eligi-  
19 ble civilian nuclear power plant, the Secretary may  
20 only make one payment to one unit of general local  
21 government per fiscal year under the program estab-  
22 lished under subsection (a).

23 (3) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—For any fiscal  
24 year, the Secretary shall, on a pro rata basis, reduce  
25 the amount paid to a unit of general local govern-  
26 ment under the program established under sub-

1 section (a) as necessary to ensure, to the extent pos-  
2 sible, that a payment is made to a unit of general  
3 local government with respect to each eligible civilian  
4 nuclear power plant for that fiscal year.

5 (4) ANNUAL APPLICATION.—In order to be eli-  
6 gible to receive a payment under the program estab-  
7 lished under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, a unit  
8 of general local government shall submit an applica-  
9 tion to the Secretary.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11 (1) CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR.—The  
12 term “civilian nuclear power reactor” has the mean-  
13 ing given such term in section 2(6) of the Nuclear  
14 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101(6)).

15 (2) ELIGIBLE CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER  
16 PLANT.—The term “eligible civilian nuclear power  
17 plant” means a site at which—

18 (A) each civilian nuclear power reactor lo-  
19 cated at such site has ceased generating elec-  
20 tricity prior to the date of enactment of this  
21 Act; and

22 (B) spent nuclear fuel is being stored.

23 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
24 the Secretary of Energy.

1           (4) SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.—The term “spent  
2           nuclear fuel” has the meaning given such term in  
3           section 2(23) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
4           1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101(23)).

5           (5) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—  
6           The term “unit of general local government” has the  
7           meaning given such term in section 2(28) of the Nu-  
8           clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
9           10101(28)).

10          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11         are authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for the  
12         program established under subsection (a) for each of fiscal  
13         years 2017 through 2023.

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