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

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. SCHATZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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

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 RETROFIT PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

9 (2) ENERGY-EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy-effi-
2 ciency improvement” means an installed meas-
3 ure (including a product, equipment, system,
4 service, or practice) that results in a reduction
5 in use by a nonprofit organization for energy or
6 fuel supplied from outside the nonprofit build-
7 ing.

8 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy-effi-
9 ciency improvement” includes an installed
10 measure described in subparagraph (A) involv-
11 ing—

12 (i) repairing, replacing, or installing—

13 (I) a roof or lighting system, or
14 component of a roof or lighting sys-
15 tem;

16 (II) a window;

17 (III) a door, including a security
18 door; or

19 (IV) a heating, ventilation, or air
20 conditioning system or component of
21 the system (including insulation and
22 wiring and plumbing improvements
23 needed to serve a more efficient sys-
24 tem);

1 (ii) a renewable energy generation or
2 heating system, including a solar, photo-
3 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-
4 cluding wood pellet) system or component
5 of the system; and

6 (iii) any other measure taken to mod-
7 ernize, renovate, or repair a nonprofit
8 building to make the nonprofit building
9 more energy efficient.

10 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit
12 building” means a building operated and owned
13 by a nonprofit organization.

14 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit
15 building” includes a building described in sub-
16 paragraph (A) that is—

- 17 (i) a hospital;
18 (ii) a youth center;
19 (iii) a school;
20 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;
21 (v) a faith-based organization; and
22 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-
23 commercial structure.

24 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Energy.

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
3 tablish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose
4 of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency
5 improvements.

6 (c) GRANTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award
8 grants under the program established under sub-
9 section (b).

10 (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
11 grant under this section if an applicant submits to
12 the Secretary an application at such time, in such
13 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
14 retary may prescribe.

15 (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining
16 whether to award a grant under this section, the
17 Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,
18 which shall give priority to applications based on—

19 (A) the energy savings achieved;

20 (B) the cost-effectiveness of the energy-ef-
21 ficiency improvement;

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

24 (D) the financial need of the applicant;

25 and

1 (E) the percentage of the matching con-
2 tribution by the applicant.

3 (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT
4 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section
5 shall not exceed—

6 (A) an amount equal to 50 percent of the
7 energy-efficiency improvement; and

8 (B) \$200,000.

9 (5) COST SHARING.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under
11 this section shall be subject to a minimum non-
12 Federal cost-sharing requirement of 50 percent.

13 (B) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-
14 Federal share may be provided in the form of
15 in-kind contributions of materials or services.

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020,
19 to remain available until expended.

20 (e) OFFSET.—Section 422(f) of the Energy Inde-
21 pendence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082(f))
22 is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
24 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “through
2 2018.” and inserting “and 2014;”; and
3 (3) by adding at the end the following:
4 “(5) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2015; and
5 “(6) \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016
6 through 2018.”.

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