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# H. R. 3296

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SIRES, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. DEAN, Ms. WILD, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. MENG, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, 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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIALS 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.

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 of energy  
6 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.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit  
2 building” means a building operated and owned  
3 by a nonprofit organization.

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

- 7                   (i) a hospital;  
8                   (ii) a youth center;  
9                   (iii) a school;  
10                  (iv) a social-welfare program facility;  
11                  (v) a facility of a faith-based organiza-  
12                  tion; or  
13                  (vi) any other nonresidential and non-  
14                  commercial structure.

15           (4) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term  
16 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that  
17 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-  
18 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under sec-  
19 tion 501(a) of such Code.

20           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
21 the Secretary of Energy.

22           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
24 tablish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit orga-

1 nizations to purchase energy efficiency materials to install  
2 in nonprofit buildings.

3 (c) GRANTS.—

4 (1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a  
5 grant under the pilot program established under  
6 subsection (b) if an applicant submits to the Sec-  
7 retary an application at such time, in such form,  
8 and containing such information as the Secretary  
9 may prescribe.

10 (2) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining  
11 whether to award a grant under the pilot program  
12 established under subsection (b), the Secretary shall  
13 apply performance-based criteria, which shall give  
14 priority to applicants based on—

15 (A) the energy savings expected to be  
16 achieved;

17 (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of the  
18 energy efficiency materials that are proposed to  
19 be purchased;

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

22 (D) the financial need of the applicant.

23 (3) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT  
24 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section  
25 shall not exceed \$200,000.

1           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026,  
4 to remain available until expended.

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