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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

9 (2) ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—

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

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

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

10 (ii) a window;

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

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

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

22 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

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

1 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit  
2 building” includes a building described in sub-  
3 paragraph (A) that is—

4 (i) a hospital;

5 (ii) a youth center;

6 (iii) a school;

7 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;

8 (v) a facility of a faith-based organiza-  
9 tion; or

10 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-  
11 commercial structure.

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

17 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18 the Secretary of Energy.

19 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
21 tablish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit orga-  
22 nizations to purchase energy efficiency materials to install  
23 in nonprofit buildings.

24 (c) GRANTS.—

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

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

12           (A) the energy savings expected to be  
13 achieved;

14           (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of the  
15 energy efficiency materials that are proposed to  
16 be purchased;

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

19           (D) the financial need of the applicant.

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

23           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

- 1 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026,
- 2 to remain available until expended.