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# H. R. 2132

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. DOLD, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. GRIJALVA) 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 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 “2018.” and  
2           inserting “2015;” and  
3           (3) by adding at the end the following:  
4           “(5) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2016; and  
5           “(6) \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017  
6           and 2018.”.

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