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# S. 981

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2017

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

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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. 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 by a non-  
 5 profit organization of energy 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 an organization that is described in section

1           501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
2           and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of  
3           such Code.

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 faith-based organization; or  
12                  (vi) any other nonresidential and non-  
13                  commercial structure.

14           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15           the Secretary of Energy.

16           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
17           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
18           tablish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose  
19           of providing nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency ma-  
20           terials.

21           (c) GRANTS.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award  
23           grants under the program established under sub-  
24           section (b).

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

6           (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining  
7           whether to award a grant under paragraph (1), the  
8           Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,  
9           which shall give priority to applicants based on—

10                   (A) the energy savings achieved;

11                   (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of en-  
12           ergy-efficiency materials;

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

15                   (D) the financial need of the applicant.

16           (4) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT  
17           AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section  
18           shall not exceed \$200,000.

19           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
20           authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21           \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022,  
22           to remain available until expended.

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

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

3           (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “2018.” and  
4           inserting “2017; and”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(5) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2018.”.

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