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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2001

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. CHAFEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 (a) THIS ACT.—This Act may be cited as the “John  
3 H. Chafee Environmental Education Act of 2001”.

4 (b) NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACT.—  
5 Section 1(a) of the National Environmental Education Act  
6 (20 U.S.C. 5501 note) is amended by striking “National  
7 Environmental Education Act” and inserting “John H.  
8 Chafee Environmental Education Act”.

9 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.**

10 Section 4 of the John H. Chafee Environmental Edu-  
11 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 5503) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “objec-  
14 tive and scientifically sound” after “support”;

15 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

16 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
17 through (13) as paragraphs (6) through (12),  
18 respectively; and

19 (D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesign-  
20 nated), by inserting before the period at the end  
21 the following: “through the headquarters and  
22 the regional offices of the Agency”; and

23 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
24 following:

25 “(c) STAFF.—The Office of Environmental Edu-  
26 cation shall—

1 “(1) include a headquarters staff of not more  
2 than 10 full-time equivalent employees; and

3 “(2) be supported by 1 full-time equivalent em-  
4 ployee in each regional office of the Agency.

5 “(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Administrator may carry out  
6 the activities described in subsection (b) directly or  
7 through awards of grants, cooperative agreements, or con-  
8 tracts.”.

9 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS.**

10 Section 6 of the John H. Chafee Environmental Edu-  
11 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 5505) is amended—

12 (1) in the second sentence of subsection (i), by  
13 striking “25 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;  
14 and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(j) LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—A grant under this sec-  
17 tion may not be used to support a lobbying activity (as  
18 described in the documents issued by the Office of Man-  
19 agement and Budget and designated as OMB Circulars  
20 No. A–21 and No. A–122).

21 “(k) GUIDANCE REVIEW.—Before the Administrator  
22 issues any guidance to grant applicants, the guidance shall  
23 be reviewed and approved by the Science Advisory Board  
24 of the Agency established by section 8 of the Environ-

1 mental Research, Development, and Demonstration Au-  
 2 thorization Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 4365).”.

3 **SEC. 4. JOHN H. CHAFEE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP PRO-**  
 4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the John H. Chafee  
 6 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5506) is amend-  
 7 ed to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 7. JOHN H. CHAFEE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP PRO-**  
 9 **GRAM.**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the  
 11 John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program for the  
 12 award and administration of 5 annual 1-year higher edu-  
 13 cation fellowships in environmental sciences and public  
 14 policy, to be known as ‘John H. Chafee Fellowships’.

15 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the John H. Chafee  
 16 Memorial Fellowship Program is to stimulate innovative  
 17 graduate level study and the development of expertise in  
 18 complex, relevant, and important environmental issues  
 19 and effective approaches to addressing those issues  
 20 through organized programs of guided independent study  
 21 and environmental research.

22 “(c) AWARD.—Each John H. Chafee Fellowship  
 23 shall—

24 “(1) be made available to individual candidates  
 25 through a sponsoring institution and in accordance

1 with an annual competitive selection process estab-  
2 lished under subsection (f)(3); and

3 “(2) be in the amount of \$25,000.

4 “(d) FOCUS.—Each John H. Chafee Fellowship shall  
5 focus on an environmental, natural resource, or public  
6 health protection issue that a sponsoring institution deter-  
7 mines to be appropriate.

8 “(e) SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS.—The John H.  
9 Chafee Fellowships may be applied for through any spon-  
10 soring institution.

11 “(f) PANEL.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The National Environ-  
13 mental Education Advisory Council established by  
14 section 9(a) shall administer the John H. Chafee  
15 Fellowship Panel.

16 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Panel shall consist of  
17 5 members, appointed by a majority vote of mem-  
18 bers of the National Environmental Education Advi-  
19 sory Council, of whom—

20 “(A) 2 members shall be professional edu-  
21 cators in higher education;

22 “(B) 2 members shall be environmental  
23 scientists; and

24 “(C) 1 member shall be a public environ-  
25 mental policy analyst.

1 “(3) DUTIES.—The Panel shall—

2 “(A) establish criteria for a competitive se-  
3 lection process for recipients of John H. Chafee  
4 Fellowships;

5 “(B) receive applications for John H.  
6 Chafee Fellowships; and

7 “(C) annually review applications and se-  
8 lect recipients of John H. Chafee Fellowships.

9 “(g) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—The amount of  
10 each John H. Chafee Fellowship shall be provided directly  
11 to each recipient selected by the Panel upon receipt of a  
12 certification from the recipient that the recipient will ad-  
13 here to a specific and detailed plan of study and research.

14 “(h) FUNDING.—From amounts made available  
15 under section 13(b)(1)(C) for each fiscal year, the Office  
16 of Environmental Education shall make available—

17 “(1) \$125,000 for John H. Chafee Memorial  
18 Fellowships; and

19 “(2) \$12,500 to pay administrative expenses in-  
20 curred in carrying out the John H. Chafee Memorial  
21 Fellowship Program.”.

22 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the John H. Chafee  
23 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5502) is  
24 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (13), by striking the period at  
4 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

6 “(14) ‘Panel’ means the John H. Chafee Fel-  
7 lowship Panel established under section 7(f);

8 “(15) ‘sponsoring institution’ means an institu-  
9 tion of higher education;”.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
11 tents in section 1(b) of the John H. Chafee Environmental  
12 Education Act (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501) is amended by  
13 striking the item relating to section 7 and inserting the  
14 following:

“Sec. 7. John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program.”.

15 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8 of the John H. Chafee  
17 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5507) is amend-  
18 ed to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 8. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

20 “(a) PRESIDENT’S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH  
21 AWARDS.—The Administrator may establish a program  
22 for the granting and administration of awards, to be  
23 known as ‘President’s Environmental Youth Awards’, to  
24 young people in grades kindergarten through 12 to recog-

1 nize outstanding projects to promote local environmental  
2 awareness.

3 “(b) TEACHERS’ AWARDS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the  
5 Council on Environmental Quality, on behalf of the  
6 President, may establish a program for the granting  
7 and administration of awards to recognize—

8 “(A) teachers in elementary schools and  
9 secondary schools who demonstrate excellence  
10 in advancing objective and scientifically sound  
11 environmental education through innovative ap-  
12 proaches; and

13 “(B) the local educational agencies of the  
14 recognized teachers.

15 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—One teacher, and the local  
16 education agency employing the teacher, from each  
17 State, the District of Columbia, and the Common-  
18 wealth of Puerto Rico, shall be eligible to be selected  
19 for an award under this subsection.”.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the John H. Chafee  
21 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5502) (as  
22 amended by section 4(b)) is amended by adding at the  
23 end the following:

24 “(16) ‘elementary school’ has the meaning  
25 given the term in section 14101 of the Elementary



1 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
2 8801);

3 “(17) ‘secondary school’ has the meaning given  
4 the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and  
5 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
6 8801);”.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
8 tents in section 1(b) of the John H. Chafee Environmental  
9 Education Act (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501) is amended by  
10 striking the item relating to section 8 and inserting the  
11 following:

“Sec. 8. National environmental education awards.”.

12 **SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
13 **AND TASK FORCE.**

14 Section 9 of the John H. Chafee Environmental Edu-  
15 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 5508) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

17 (A) by striking “(2) The” and all that fol-  
18 lows through the end of the second sentence  
19 and inserting the following:

20 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council  
22 shall consist of not more than 11 members ap-  
23 pointed by the Administrator after consultation  
24 with the Secretary.

1           “(B) REPRESENTATIVES OF SECTORS.—To  
 2           the maximum extent practicable, the Adminis-  
 3           trator shall appoint to the Advisory Council at  
 4           least 2 members to represent each of—

5                   “(i) elementary schools and secondary  
 6                   schools;

7                   “(ii) colleges and universities;

8                   “(iii) not-for-profit organizations in-  
 9                   volved in environmental education;

10                  “(iv) State departments of education  
 11                  and natural resources; and

12                  “(v) business and industry.”;

13           (B) in the third sentence, by striking “A  
 14           representative” and inserting the following:

15                   “(C) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEC-  
 16                   RETARY.—A representative”; and

17           (C) in the last sentence, by striking “The  
 18           conflict” and inserting the following:

19                   “(D) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—The con-  
 20                   flict”;

21           (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)  
 22           and inserting the following:

23                   “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership on the Task  
 24           Force shall be open to representatives of any Fed-

1 eral agency actively engaged in environmental edu-  
 2 cation.”; and

3 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “(d)(1)” and  
 4 all that follows through “(2) The” and inserting the  
 5 following:

6 “(d) MEETINGS AND REPORTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council  
 8 shall—

9 “(A) hold biennial meetings on timely  
 10 issues regarding environmental education; and

11 “(B) issue a report describing the pro-  
 12 ceedings of each meeting and recommendations  
 13 resulting from the meeting.

14 “(2) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON DRAFT RE-  
 15 PORTS.—The”.

16 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING FOUNDA-**  
 17 **TION.**

18 (a) CHANGE IN NAME.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 10 of the John H.  
 20 Chafee Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C.  
 21 5509) is amended—

22 (A) by striking the section heading and in-  
 23 serting the following:

1 **“SEC. 10. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING FOUNDA-**  
 2 **TION.”;**

3 and

4 (B) in the first sentence of subsection  
 5 (a)(1)(A), by striking “National Environmental  
 6 Education and Training Foundation” and in-  
 7 serting “National Environmental Learning  
 8 Foundation”.

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (A) The table of contents in section 1(b) of  
 11 the John H. Chafee Environmental Education  
 12 Act (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501) is amended by  
 13 striking the item relating to section 10 and in-  
 14 serting the following:

“Sec. 10. National Environmental Learning Foundation.”.

15 (B) Section 3 of the John H. Chafee Envi-  
 16 ronmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5502) (as  
 17 amended by section 4(b)) is amended—

18 (i) by striking paragraph (12) and in-  
 19 serting the following:

20 “(12) ‘Foundation’ means the National Envi-  
 21 ronmental Learning Foundation established by sec-  
 22 tion 10;” and

23 (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking  
 24 “National Environmental Education and

1                   Training Foundation” and inserting  
2                   “Foundation”.

3           (b) NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.—Section 10(b)(1)(A)  
4 of the John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act (20  
5 U.S.C. 5509(b)(1)(A)) is amended in the first sentence by  
6 striking “13” and inserting “19”.

7           (c) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.—Section 10(d)  
8 of the John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act (20  
9 U.S.C. 5509(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and  
10 inserting the following:

11                   “(3) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.—The  
12           Foundation may acknowledge receipt of donations by  
13           means of a listing of the names of donors in mate-  
14           rials distributed by the Foundation, except that any  
15           such acknowledgment—

16                   “(A) shall not appear in educational mate-  
17           rial presented to students; and

18                   “(B) shall not identify a donor by means  
19           of a logo, letterhead, or other corporate com-  
20           mercial symbol, slogan, or product.”.

21           (d) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—  
22 Section 10(e) of the John H. Chafee Environmental Edu-  
23 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 5509(e)) is amended in the first  
24 sentence by striking “for a period of up to 4 years from  
25 the date of enactment of this Act,”.

1 **SEC. 8. THEODORE ROOSEVELT ENVIRONMENTAL STEW-**  
 2 **ARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The John H. Chafee Environ-  
 4 mental Education Act is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 11 (20 U.S.C.  
 6 5510) as section 13; and

7 (2) by inserting after section 10 the following:

8 **“SEC. 11. THEODORE ROOSEVELT ENVIRONMENTAL STEW-**  
 9 **ARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a  
 12 grant program to be known as the ‘Theodore Roo-  
 13 sevelt Environmental Stewardship Grant Program’  
 14 (referred to in this section as the ‘Program’) for the  
 15 award and administration of grants to consortia of  
 16 institutions of higher education to pay the Federal  
 17 share of the cost of carrying out collaborative stu-  
 18 dent, campus, and community-based environmental  
 19 stewardship activities.

20 “(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share  
 21 shall be 75 percent.

22 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Program is to  
 23 build awareness of, encourage commitment to, and pro-  
 24 mote participation in environmental stewardship—

25 “(1) among students at institutions of higher  
 26 education; and

1 “(2) in the relationship between—

2 “(A) such students and campuses; and

3 “(B) the communities in which the stu-  
4 dents and campuses are located.

5 “(c) AWARD.—Grants under the Program shall be  
6 made available to consortia of institutions of higher edu-  
7 cation in accordance with an annual competitive selection  
8 process established under subsection (d)(2)(A).

9 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Environ-  
11 mental Education established under section 4 shall  
12 administer the Program.

13 “(2) DUTIES.—The Office of Environmental  
14 Education shall—

15 “(A) establish criteria for a competitive se-  
16 lection process for recipients of grants under  
17 the Program;

18 “(B) receive applications for grants under  
19 the Program; and

20 “(C) annually review applications and se-  
21 lect recipients of grants under the Program.

22 “(3) CRITERIA.—In establishing criteria for a  
23 competitive selection process for recipients of grants  
24 under the Program, the Office of Environmental

1 Education shall include, at a minimum, as criteria,  
 2 the extent to which a grant will—

3 “(A) directly facilitate environmental stew-  
 4 ardship activities, including environmental pro-  
 5 tection, preservation, or improvement activities;  
 6 and

7 “(B) stimulate the availability of other  
 8 funds for those activities.

9 “(e) CONDITIONS ON USE OF FUNDS.—With respect  
 10 to the funds made available to carry out this section under  
 11 section 13(a)(1)—

12 “(1) not fewer than 6 grants each year shall be  
 13 awarded using those funds; and

14 “(2) no grant made using those funds shall be  
 15 in an amount that exceeds \$500,000.”.

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the John H. Chafee  
 17 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5502) (as  
 18 amended by section 5(b)) is amended by adding at the  
 19 end the following:

20 “(18) ‘consortium of institutions of higher edu-  
 21 cation’ means a cooperative arrangement among 2  
 22 or more institutions of higher education; and

23 “(19) ‘institution of higher education’ has the  
 24 meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher  
 25 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).”.



1 **SEC. 9. INFORMATION STANDARDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The John H. Chafee Environ-  
3 mental Education Act is amended by inserting after sec-  
4 tion 11 (as added by section 8(a)(2)) the following:

5 **“SEC. 12. INFORMATION STANDARDS.**

6 “In disseminating information under this Act, the Of-  
7 fice of Environmental Education shall comply with the  
8 guidelines issued by the Administrator under section 515  
9 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations  
10 Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note; 114 Stat. 2763A–153).”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
12 tents in section 1(b) of the John H. Chafee Environmental  
13 Education Act (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501) is amended by  
14 striking the item relating to section 11 and inserting the  
15 following:

“Sec. 11. Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Stewardship Grant Program.

“Sec. 12. Information standards.

“Sec. 13. Authorization of appropriations.”.

16 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 Section 13 of the John H. Chafee Environmental  
18 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5510) (as redesignated by sec-  
19 tion 8(a)(1)) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
21 section (d);

22 (2) by striking the section heading and sub-  
23 sections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
3 priated to the Environmental Protection Agency to carry  
4 out this Act \$13,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002  
5 through 2007, of which—

6           “(1) \$3,000,000 for each fiscal year shall be  
7 used to carry out section 11; and

8           “(2) \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year shall be  
9 allocated in accordance with subsection (b).

10       “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
12 of the amounts made available under subsection  
13 (a)(2) for each fiscal year—

14           “(A) not more than 25 percent may be  
15 used for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
16 mental Education established under section 4;

17           “(B) not more than 25 percent may be  
18 used for the operation of the environmental  
19 education and training program under section  
20 5;

21           “(C) not less than 40 percent shall be used  
22 for environmental education grants under sec-  
23 tion 6 and for the John H. Chafee Memorial  
24 Fellowship Program under section 7; and

25           “(D) 10 percent shall be used for the ac-  
26 tivities of the Foundation under section 10.

1           “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
 2           amounts made available under paragraph (1)(A) for  
 3           each fiscal year, not more than 10 percent may be  
 4           used for administrative expenses of the Office of En-  
 5           vironmental Education.

6           “(c) EXPENSE REPORT.—As soon as practicable  
 7           after the end of each fiscal year, the Administrator shall  
 8           submit to Congress a report describing in detail the activi-  
 9           ties for which funds appropriated for the fiscal year were  
 10          expended.”; and

11           (3) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-  
 12          graph (1))—

13                   (A) by striking “National Environmental  
 14                   Education and Training Foundation” and in-  
 15                   serting “Foundation”; and

16                   (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “section  
 17                   10(d) of this Act” and inserting “section  
 18                   10(e)”.

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