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# S. 3535

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nonprofit Energy Effi-  
5 ciency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means  
2 a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant  
3 under this section.

4           (2) ENERGY-EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT.—

5           (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy-effi-  
6 ciency improvement” means an installed meas-  
7 ure (including a product, equipment, system,  
8 service, or practice) that results in a reduction  
9 in demand by a nonprofit organization for en-  
10 ergy or fuel supplied from outside the nonprofit  
11 building.

12           (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy-effi-  
13 ciency improvement” includes an installed  
14 measure described in subparagraph (A) involv-  
15 ing—

16           (i) repairing, replacing, or installing—

17           (I) a roof, electrical wiring,  
18 plumbing, sewage, or lighting system,  
19 or component of a roof, electrical wir-  
20 ing, or system;

21           (II) a window;

22           (III) a door, including a security  
23 door; or

1 (IV) a heating, ventilation, or air  
 2 conditioning system or component of  
 3 the system (including insulation);

4 (ii) a renewable energy generation or  
 5 heating system, including a solar, photo-  
 6 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-  
 7 cluding wood pellet) system or component  
 8 of the system; and

9 (iii) any other measure taken to mod-  
 10 ernize, renovate, or repair a nonprofit  
 11 building to make the nonprofit building  
 12 more energy efficient.

13 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit  
 15 building” means a building operated and owned  
 16 by a nonprofit organization.

17 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit  
 18 building” includes a building described in sub-  
 19 paragraph (A) that is—

20 (i) a hospital;

21 (ii) a youth center;

22 (iii) a school;

23 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;

24 (v) a house of worship; and

1 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-  
2 commercial structure.

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

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after  
6 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
7 establish a pilot program to award grants for the purpose  
8 of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency  
9 improvements.

10 (c) GRANTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award  
12 grants under the program established under sub-  
13 section (b).

14 (2) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a  
15 grant under this section if an applicant submits to  
16 the Secretary an application at such time, in such  
17 form, and containing such information as the Sec-  
18 retary may prescribe.

19 (3) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining  
20 whether to award a grant under this section, the  
21 Secretary shall apply performance-based criteria,  
22 which shall give priority to applications based on—

23 (A) the cost-effectiveness of the energy-ef-  
24 ficiency improvement; and

1 (B) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-  
2 urement, and verification of energy savings.

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 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2016,  
19 to remain available until expended.

20 **SEC. 3. OFFSET.**

21 Section 399A(i) of the Energy Policy and Conserva-  
22 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6371h–1(i)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2013” and  
24 inserting “2012 and \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal  
25 years 2013 through 2016”; and

- 1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2013” and
- 2 inserting “2016”.

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