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To authorize Federal agencies to establish prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to ocean acidification.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER (for himself and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Ocean Acidification
5 Innovation Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. HEADING.**

7 Section 12404 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-
8 search and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3703) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal agency with a
3 representative serving on the interagency working
4 group established under this section may, either in-
5 dividually or in cooperation with one or more agen-
6 cies, carry out a program to award prizes competi-
7 tively under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler
8 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
9 3719).

10 “(2) PURPOSES.—Any prize competition carried
11 out under this subsection shall be for the purpose of
12 stimulating innovation to advance our Nation’s abil-
13 ity to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidifi-
14 cation or its impacts, or to develop management or
15 adaptation options for responding to ocean acidifica-
16 tion.

17 “(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be
18 given to establish programs under this section that
19 address communities, environments, or industries
20 that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean
21 acidification, including—

22 “(A) the development of monitoring or
23 management options for communities or indus-
24 tries that are experiencing significant financial
25 hardship;

1 “(B) the development of adaptation op-
2 tions to alleviate economic harm and job loss
3 caused by ocean acidification;

4 “(C) the development of measures to help
5 vulnerable communities or industries, with an
6 emphasis on rural communities and businesses;
7 and

8 “(D) the development of adaptation and
9 management options for impacted shellfish in-
10 dustries.”.

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