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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, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. YOUNG) 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 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

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 dividualy 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). An agency seeking to carry out such a pro-
10 gram shall carry out such program in coordination
11 with the chair of such interagency working group.

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

19 “(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be
20 given to establishing programs under this section
21 that address communities, environments, or indus-
22 tries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean
23 acidification, including—

24 “(A) the development of monitoring or
25 management options for communities or indus-

1 tries that are experiencing significant financial
2 hardship;

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

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

10 “(D) the development of adaptation and
11 management options for impacted shellfish in-
12 dustries.

13 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In
14 addition to amounts made available under section
15 12409, there is authorized to be appropriated such
16 sums as may be necessary to carry out this sub-
17 section.”.

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 Section 12409 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-
20 search and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3708) is
21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subtitle—”
23 and all that follows through paragraph (4) and in-
24 serting the following: “subtitle \$30,500,000 for each
25 of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “subtitle—”
2 and all that follows through paragraph (4) and in-
3 serting the following: “subtitle \$20,000,000 for each
4 of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”.

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