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S. 2928

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reauthorize the University Sustainability Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reauthorize the University Sustainability Program.

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 “Higher Education Sus-
5 tainability Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM AMEND-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 Section 881 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 1161u) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
2 ing the following:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appro-
4 priated to carry out this section, the Secretary, in
5 consultation with the Administrator of the Environ-
6 mental Protection Agency, shall make grants to eli-
7 gible entities to establish sustainability programs to
8 design and implement the teaching and practice of
9 sustainability, including in the areas of staff and
10 faculty professional development, energy manage-
11 ment, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, green
12 building, waste management, transportation, resil-
13 ience, green workforce, and other aspects of sustain-
14 ability that integrate the local community with mul-
15 tidisciplinary academic programs and are applicable
16 to the private and government sectors.”; and

17 (B) by striking paragraph (3)(B) and in-
18 sserting the following:

19 “(B) a nonprofit consortium, association,
20 alliance, or collaboration operating in partner-
21 ship with more than 1 institution of higher edu-
22 cation.”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
2 graph (A), by inserting “in alignment with
3 local community needs” after “following
4 purposes”;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (D)—

6 (I) by striking “establish” and
7 inserting “scale established”;

8 (II) by striking “purchasing,
9 toxics management,”; and

10 (III) by inserting “resilience,
11 green workforce,” after “transpor-
12 tation,”; and

13 (iii) in subparagraph (G), by inserting
14 “economics, law, political science,” after
15 “business,”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
18 “of” and inserting “relating to”; and

19 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
20 “city and State governments,” after “busi-
21 ness,”;

22 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “\$250,000 or
23 more than \$2,000,000” and inserting “\$200,000 or
24 more than \$500,000”; and

1 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “2009” and
2 inserting “2020”.

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