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S. 3711

To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2020

Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION**
4 **BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) PURPOSE.—Section 542(b)(1) of the Energy
6 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
7 17152(b)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
9 the end;

1 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and”
2 after the semicolon; and

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

4 “(C) diversifies energy supplies, including
5 by facilitating and promoting the use of alter-
6 native fuels;”.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 544 of the Energy
8 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
9 17154) is amended by striking paragraph (9) and insert-
10 ing the following:

11 “(9) deployment of energy distribution tech-
12 nologies that significantly increase energy efficiency
13 or expand access to alternative fuels, including—

14 “(A) distributed resources;

15 “(B) district heating and cooling systems;

16 and

17 “(C) infrastructure for delivering alter-
18 native fuels;”.

19 (c) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Section 546(c)(2) of the
20 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
21 U.S.C. 17156(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “, including
22 projects to expand the use of alternative fuels” before the
23 period at the end.

1 (d) FUNDING.—Section 548(a) of the Energy Inde-
2 pendence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17158(a))
3 is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking
5 “\$2,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
6 through 2012” and inserting “\$3,500,000,000 for
7 each of fiscal years 2021 through 2026”; and

8 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—There is au-
11 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for ad-
12 ministrative expenses of the program \$35,000,000
13 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2026.”.

14 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 543 of the
15 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
16 U.S.C. 17153) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection
18 (a)(2)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”; and

19 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “subsection
20 (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (a)(4)”.

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