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H. R. 6061

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, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

2 Section 12404 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-
3 search And Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3703) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal agency with a
7 representative serving on the interagency working
8 group established under this section may, either in-
9 dividually or in cooperation with one or more agen-
10 cies, carry out a program to award prizes competi-
11 tively under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler
12 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
13 3719). An agency seeking to carry out such a pro-
14 gram shall carry out such program in coordination
15 with the chair of such interagency working group.

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

23 “(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be
24 given to establishing programs under this section
25 that address communities, environments, or indus-

1 tries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean
2 acidification, including—

3 “(A) the development of monitoring or
4 management options for communities or indus-
5 tries that are experiencing significant financial
6 hardship or impacts to cultural resources;

7 “(B) the development of adaptation op-
8 tions to alleviate economic harm and job loss
9 caused by ocean acidification;

10 “(C) the development of measures to help
11 vulnerable communities or industries, with an
12 emphasis on rural and Tribal communities and
13 businesses; and

14 “(D) the development of adaptation and
15 management options for shellfish growers and
16 other impacted industries.”.

17 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

18 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
19 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
20 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
21 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
22 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
23 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-

- 1 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
- 2 vote on passage.

