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To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish an initiative to provide grants to fund the development of resilient energy systems in remote communities, island communities, and Tribal communities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2025

Mr. CASE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Energy Transitions
5 Initiative Authorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Remote communities, island communities,
2 and Tribal communities are commonly characterized
3 by the unique challenges arising from isolation and
4 the resultant difficulties in achieving economies of
5 scale in the delivery of critical goods and services.

6 (2) With respect to energy, such challenges in-
7 clude high energy costs, limited and non-resilient en-
8 ergy infrastructure, and increased vulnerability to
9 natural disasters.

10 (3) Self-sufficient renewable energy solutions
11 are required to ensure energy security for these com-
12 munities.

13 (4) These communities require specialized as-
14 sistance, which they have difficulty procuring on
15 their own, in acquiring and building necessary infra-
16 structure, such as energy storage, solar energy facili-
17 ties, hydropower plants, distributed energy re-
18 sources, microgrids, and necessary transportation.

19 (5) Such specialized assistance should be pro-
20 vided in partnership with remote communities, is-
21 land communities, and Tribal communities because
22 their unique expertise and deep knowledge of local
23 challenges and needs are necessary for the success
24 of resulting solutions.

1 **SEC. 3. ENERGY TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE GRANT.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy
3 shall establish an initiative to provide grants to eligible
4 entities to fund eligible projects for the development of re-
5 silient energy systems in remote communities, island com-
6 munities, and Tribal communities.

7 (b) TERMS.—

8 (1) GRANTS.—In carrying out the initiative, the
9 Secretary may make a grant of not more than
10 \$5,000,000 to an eligible entity for an eligible
11 project.

12 (2) COST-SHARE.—The Secretary may not
13 make a grant under this section in an amount that
14 is more than 90 percent of the cost of an eligible
15 project.

16 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Upon the request of
17 a grantee, the Secretary shall provide technical assistance
18 to such grantee for a period of not less than 1 year and
19 not more than 2 years through the Energy Transitions
20 Initiative Partnership Program.

21 (d) GAO AUDIT.—Not later than 1 year after the es-
22 tablishment of the initiative described in this section, and
23 annually thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United
24 States shall—

1 (1) conduct an audit of the initiative established
2 under this section to ensure proper use of funds and
3 compliance with applicable regulations; and

4 (2) submit a report that includes the results of
5 such audit and recommendations for improving the
6 efficiency and effectiveness of the initiative to—

7 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
8 merce of the House of Representatives;

9 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
10 the House of Representatives;

11 (C) the Committee on Energy and Public
12 Works of the Senate; and

13 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
14 the Senate.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
17 \$31,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030
18 to carry out this section.

19 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

20 (1) ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION.—The term
21 “Alaska Native Corporation” has the meaning given
22 the term “Native Corporation” in section 3 of the
23 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (42 U.S.C.
24 1602).

1 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
2 ty” means—

3 (A) a State that includes a remote commu-
4 nity, an island community, or a Tribal commu-
5 nity;

6 (B) a unit of local government serving or
7 that includes a remote community or an island
8 community;

9 (C) a Tribal community; or

10 (D) a community organization that serves
11 a remote community, an island community, or
12 a Tribal community.

13 (3) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term “eligible
14 project” means any of the following projects:

15 (A) A project to implement energy effi-
16 ciency measures in buildings.

17 (B) A project for a resilient energy system
18 that is a project to develop—

19 (i) a hydropower, solar power, wind
20 energy, geothermal energy, tidal power, or
21 wave energy system;

22 (ii) a microgrid; or

23 (iii) infrastructure necessary for the
24 transmission and distribution of electricity.

1 (4) FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE.—The
2 term “federally recognized tribe” has the meaning
3 given the term in section 102(2) of the Federally
4 Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25
5 U.S.C. 5130(2)).

6 (5) ISLAND COMMUNITY.—The term “island
7 community” means a group of individuals living on
8 an area of land isolated from the mainland by
9 oceans or lakes, that is not connected to a larger re-
10 gional grid network, and experiences resilience chal-
11 lenges, including energy disruptions or threats to in-
12 frastructure from natural disasters.

13 (6) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
14 term “Native Hawaiian Organization” means an or-
15 ganization listed by the Department of the Interior
16 in the Native Hawaiian Organization Notification
17 List maintained by the Office of Native Hawaiian
18 Relations.

19 (7) REMOTE COMMUNITY.—The term “remote
20 community” means a group of individuals living in
21 an area isolated from a larger regional grid network,
22 with limited access to centralized energy sources due
23 to environmental or geographical impediments.

1 (8) RESILIENT ENERGY SYSTEM.—The term
2 “resilient energy system” means a facility or equip-
3 ment that—

4 (A) can generate and deliver energy; and

5 (B) can withstand or quickly recover from
6 an energy disruption.

7 (9) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
8 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
9 the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
10 Northern Mariana Islands.

11 (10) TRIBAL COMMUNITY.—The term “Tribal
12 community” means a federally recognized Tribe, an
13 Alaska Native Corporation, or a Native Hawaiian
14 Organization.

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