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To require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a Clean Cities Coalition Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCEACHIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Clean Cities Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CLEAN CITIES COALITION PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
7 program to be known as the Clean Cities Coalition Pro-
8 gram.

1 (b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the pro-
2 gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

3 (1) establish criteria for designating local and
4 regional Clean Cities Coalitions, including criteria
5 that ensure that activities of Clean Cities Coalitions
6 benefit all communities, including rural communities
7 and environmental justice communities;

8 (2) designate local and regional Clean Cities
9 Coalitions that the Secretary determines meet the
10 criteria established under paragraph (1);

11 (3) ensure that there are active Clean Cities
12 Coalitions working in all 50 States, the District of
13 Columbia, and the territories;

14 (4) make awards to each designated Clean Cit-
15 ies Coalition for administrative and program ex-
16 penses of the coalition;

17 (5) make competitive awards to designated
18 Clean Cities Coalitions for projects and activities de-
19 scribed in subsection (c);

20 (6) make competitive awards to non-profit orga-
21 nizations to provide technical assistance, training,
22 and organizational support to designated Clean Cit-
23 ies Coalitions;

1 (7) provide opportunities for communication
2 and sharing of best practices among designated
3 Clean Cities Coalitions; and

4 (8) maintain, and make available to the public,
5 a centralized database of information included in the
6 reports submitted under subsection (d).

7 (c) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—

8 (1) PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—Projects and
9 activities eligible for awards under subsection (b)(5)
10 are projects and activities that reduce petroleum
11 consumption, improve air quality, promote energy
12 and economic security, and encourage deployment of
13 a diverse, domestic supply of alternative fuels in the
14 transportation sector by—

15 (A) encouraging the purchase and use of
16 alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels,
17 including by fleet managers;

18 (B) expediting the establishment of local,
19 regional, and national infrastructure to fuel al-
20 ternative fuel vehicles;

21 (C) advancing the use of other petroleum
22 fuel reduction technologies and strategies;

23 (D) conducting outreach and education ac-
24 tivities to advance the use of alternative fuels
25 and alternative fuel vehicles;

1 (E) providing training and technical assist-
2 ance and tools to users that adopt petroleum
3 fuel reduction technologies; or

4 (F) collaborating with and training offi-
5 cials and first responders with responsibility for
6 permitting and enforcing fire, building, and
7 other safety codes related to the deployment
8 and use of alternative fuels or alternative fuel
9 vehicles.

10 (2) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the
11 cost of a project or activity for which an award is
12 made under subsection (b)(5) shall be not less than
13 80 percent.

14 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each designated Clean Cities
15 Coalition shall submit an annual report to the Secretary
16 on the activities and accomplishments of the coalition.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) ALTERNATIVE FUEL.—The term “alter-
19 native fuel” has the meaning given such term in sec-
20 tion 32901 of title 49, United States Code.

21 (2) ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE.—The term
22 “alternative fuel vehicle” means any vehicle that is
23 capable of operating, partially or exclusively, on an
24 alternative fuel.

1 (3) COMMUNITY OF COLOR.—The term “com-
2 munity of color” means any geographically distinct
3 area the population of color of which is higher than
4 the average population of color of the State in which
5 the community is located.

6 (4) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY.—
7 The term “environmental justice community” means
8 any population of color, community of color, indige-
9 nous community, or low-income community that ex-
10 periences a disproportionate burden of the negative
11 human health and environmental impacts of pollu-
12 tion or other environmental hazards.

13 (5) INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY.—The term “in-
14 digenous community” means—

- 15 (A) a federally recognized Indian Tribe;
16 (B) a State-recognized Indian Tribe;
17 (C) an Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian
18 community or organization; and
19 (D) any other community of indigenous
20 people, including communities in other coun-
21 tries.

22 (6) LOW INCOME.—The term “low income”
23 means an annual household income equal to, or less
24 than, the greater of—

1 (A) an amount equal to 80 percent of the
2 median income of the area in which the house-
3 hold is located, as reported by the Department
4 of Housing and Urban Development; and

5 (B) 200 percent of the Federal poverty
6 line.

7 (7) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.—The term “low-
8 income community” means any census block group
9 in which 30 percent or more of the population are
10 individuals with low income.

11 (8) POPULATION OF COLOR.—The term “popu-
12 lation of color” means a population of individuals
13 who identify as—

14 (A) Black;

15 (B) African American;

16 (C) Asian;

17 (D) Pacific Islander;

18 (E) another non-White race;

19 (F) Hispanic;

20 (G) Latino; or

21 (H) linguistically isolated.

22 (9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of Energy.

24 (f) FUNDING.—

1 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this section \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years
4 2022 through 2031, to remain available until ex-
5 pended.

6 (2) ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall allo-
7 cate funds made available to carry out this section
8 in each fiscal year as follows:

9 (A) 35 percent of such funds shall be dis-
10 tributed as awards under subsection (b)(4).

11 (B) 50 percent of such funds shall be dis-
12 tributed as competitive awards under subsection
13 (b)(5), of which not less than 40 percent shall
14 be used to support activities that directly ben-
15 efit rural communities or environmental justice
16 communities.

17 (C) 5 percent of such funds shall be dis-
18 tributed as competitive awards under subsection
19 (b)(6).