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Energy Efficiency Promotion Act of 2007 (Introduced in Senate)

SEC. 606. ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

- (a) Definitions- In this section:
- (1) ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY- The term 'energy sustainability' includes using a renewable energy resource and a highly efficient technology for electricity generation, transportation, heating, or cooling.
 - (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION- The term 'institution of higher education' has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801).
- (b) Grants for Energy Efficiency Improvement-
- (1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall award not more than 100 grants to institutions of higher education to carry out projects to improve energy efficiency on the grounds and facilities of the institution of higher education, including not less than 1 grant to an institution of higher education in each State.
 - (2) CONDITION- As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection, an institution of higher education shall agree to--
 - (A) implement a public awareness campaign in the community in which the institution of higher education is located to promote the project; and
 - (B) submit to the Secretary, and make available to the public, reports on any improvements achieved as part of a project carried out under paragraph (1).
- (c) Grants for Innovation in Energy Sustainability-
- (1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall award not more than 250 grants to institutions of higher education to engage in innovative energy sustainability projects, including not less than 2 grants to institutions of higher education in each State.
 - (2) INNOVATION PROJECTS- An innovation project carried out with a grant under this subsection shall--
 - (A) involve an innovative technology that is not yet commercially available;
 - (B) have the greatest potential for testing or modeling new technologies or processes; and
 - (C) ensure active student participation in the project, including the planning, implementation, evaluation, and other phases of the project.
 - (3) CONDITION- As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection, an institution of higher education shall agree to submit to the Secretary, and make available to the public,

reports that describe the results of the projects carried out under paragraph (1).

(d) Awarding of Grants-

(1) APPLICATION- An institution of higher education that seeks to receive a grant under this section may submit to the Secretary an application for the grant at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Secretary may prescribe.

(2) SELECTION- The Secretary shall establish a committee to assist in the selection of grant recipients under this section.

(e) Allocation to Institutions of Higher Education With Small Endowments- Of the amount of grants provided for a fiscal year under this section, the Secretary shall provide not less 50 percent of the amount to institutions of higher education that have an endowment of not more than \$100,000,000, with 50 percent of the allocation set aside for institutions of higher education that have an endowment of not more than \$50,000,000.

(f) Grant Amounts- The maximum amount of grants for a project under this section shall not exceed--

(1) in the case of grants for energy efficiency improvement under subsection (b), \$1,000,000; or.

(2) in the case of grants for innovation in energy sustainability under subsection (c), \$500,000.

(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.