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To amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a weatherization readiness program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. RUSH, and Ms. KAPTUR) 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 “Weatherization En-
5 hancement and Readiness Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. WEATHERIZATION.**

7 (a) **ENHANCEMENT AND INNOVATION.**—Section
8 414D of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42
9 U.S.C. 6864d) is amended by striking subsection (k).

1 (b) AVERAGE COST PER DWELLING UNIT.—Section
 2 415(c)(1) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act
 3 (42 U.S.C. 6865(c)(1)) is amended by striking “\$6,500”
 4 and inserting “\$12,000”.

5 (c) CLARIFICATION OF REWEATHERIZATION LIMITA-
 6 TION.—Section 415(c)(2) of the Energy Conservation and
 7 Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6865(c)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “, or under other Federal pro-
 9 grams”;

10 (2) by striking “, may” and inserting “may”;
 11 and

12 (3) by striking “or under other Federal pro-
 13 grams, or from receiving non-Federal assistance for
 14 weatherization”.

15 (d) RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS.—Section 415(c)
 16 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42
 17 U.S.C. 6865(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

18 (e) WEATHERIZATION READINESS PROGRAM.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Energy Conservation
 20 and Production Act is amended by adding after sec-
 21 tion 414E (42 U.S.C. 6864e) the following section:

22 **“SEC. 414F. WEATHERIZATION READINESS PROGRAM.**

23 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 1 year after the
 24 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall es-
 25 tablish a weatherization readiness program to provide

1 grants to States and tribal organizations to implement
2 measures to make dwelling units occupied by low-income
3 persons ready to receive weatherization measures pursu-
4 ant to the weatherization program conducted under this
5 part by addressing structural, plumbing, roofing, and elec-
6 trical issues and environmental hazards, and imple-
7 menting other measures that the Secretary determines to
8 be appropriate, to reduce the frequency of deferrals of
9 such weatherization measures when the condition of a
10 dwelling unit renders delivery of weatherization measures
11 unsafe or ineffective.

12 “(b) ALIGNMENT OF REQUIREMENTS.—Except as
13 otherwise provided in this section, to the extent possible,
14 the Secretary shall, in establishing the weatherization
15 readiness program under this section—

16 “(1) align the requirements of such weatheriza-
17 tion readiness program with the requirements of the
18 weatherization program conducted under this part;
19 and

20 “(2) seek to reduce barriers to leveraging other
21 sources of funding for weatherization readiness
22 measures.

23 “(c) SAVINGS-TO-INVESTMENT RATIO.—The weath-
24 erization readiness program established under this section

1 shall not include a savings-to-investment ratio require-
2 ment.

3 “(d) PREVIOUS WEATHERIZATION.—Weatherization
4 readiness measures implemented pursuant to the weather-
5 ization readiness program established under this section
6 shall not be considered previous weatherization for pur-
7 poses of section 415(c)(2).

8 “(e) AVERAGE COST PER DWELLING UNIT.—The
9 Secretary may establish, or require a State grantee to es-
10 tablish, a limit for expenditures for weatherization readi-
11 ness measures, including labor, materials, and related
12 matters, to be implemented with respect to a dwelling unit,
13 on an average cost per unit basis, pursuant to the weath-
14 erization readiness program established under this section.

15 “(f) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allo-
17 cate funding made available under this section to
18 States and tribal organizations in a manner con-
19 sistent with the allocation of financial assistance for
20 weatherization assistance under the weatherization
21 program conducted under this part.

22 “(2) UPDATED ALLOCATION.—Not sooner than
23 October 1, 2026, the Secretary, in consultation with
24 States and tribal organizations, may, by rule, update
25 the method to allocate funding to States and tribal

1 organizations under this section to more accurately
2 reflect the relative need for funding for weatheriza-
3 tion readiness measures among low-income persons
4 throughout the States and Indian tribes.

5 “(g) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more than
6 an amount equal to 15 percent of any grant made by the
7 Secretary under this section may be used for administra-
8 tive purposes, except that not more than one-half of such
9 amount may be used by any State for such purposes.

10 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 is authorized to be appropriated \$90,000,000 for each of
12 fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to carry out this section.”.

13 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The
14 table of contents for the Energy Conservation and
15 Production Act is amended by adding after the item
16 relating to section 414E the following:

“Sec. 414F. Weatherization readiness program.”.

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