H.R. 2088

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2019

Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. VEASEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION  BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) PURPOSE.—Section 542(b)(1) of the Energy
Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
17152(b)(1)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ‘‘; and’’ and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the semicolon and inserting ‘‘; and’’; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) diversifies energy supplies, including by facilitating and promoting the use of alternative fuels;”.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 544(9) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17154(9)) is amended to read as follows:

“(9) deployment of energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency or expand access to alternative fuels, including—

“(A) distributed resources;

“(B) district heating and cooling systems;

and

“(C) infrastructure for delivering alternative fuels;”.

(c) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—Section 546(c)(2) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17156(c)(2)) is amended by inserting ‘‘, including projects to expand the use of alternative fuels” before the period at the end.
(d) **FUNDING.**—Section 548(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17158(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

“(1) **GRANTS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the program $3,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

“(2) **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—The Secretary may use for administrative expenses of the program not more than 1 percent of the amounts made available under paragraph (1) in each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”.

(e) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—Section 543 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17153) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection (a)(2)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “subsection (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (a)(4)”. 