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1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ocean Acidification
3 Innovation Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

5 Section 12404 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-
6 search and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3703) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal agency with a
10 representative serving on the interagency working
11 group established under this section may, either in-
12 dividually or in cooperation with one or more agen-
13 cies, carry out a program to award prizes competi-
14 tively under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler
15 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
16 3719). An agency seeking to carry out such a pro-
17 gram shall carry out such program in coordination
18 with the chair of such interagency working group.

19 “(2) PURPOSES.—Any prize competition carried
20 out under this subsection shall be for the purpose of
21 stimulating innovation to advance our Nation’s abil-

1 ity to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidifi-
2 cation or its impacts, or to develop management or
3 adaptation options for responding to ocean acidifica-
4 tion.

5 “(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be
6 given to establishing programs under this section
7 that address communities, environments, or indus-
8 tries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean
9 acidification, including—

10 “(A) the development of monitoring or
11 management options for communities or indus-
12 tries that are experiencing significant financial
13 hardship;

14 “(B) the development of adaptation op-
15 tions to alleviate economic harm and job loss
16 caused by ocean acidification;

17 “(C) the development of measures to help
18 vulnerable communities or industries, with an
19 emphasis on rural communities and businesses;
20 and

21 “(D) the development of adaptation and
22 management options for impacted shellfish in-
23 dustries.”.

