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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KILMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “Ocean Acidification  
5 Innovation Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

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

5 “(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

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

16 “(2) PURPOSES.—Any prize competition carried  
17 out under this subsection shall be for the purpose of  
18 stimulating innovation to advance our Nation’s abil-  
19 ity to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidifi-  
20 cation or its impacts, or to develop management or  
21 adaptation options for responding to ocean acidifica-  
22 tion.

23 “(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be  
24 given to establishing programs under this section  
25 that address communities, environments, or indus-

1 tries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean  
2 acidification, including—

3 “(A) the development of monitoring or  
4 management options for communities or indus-  
5 tries that are experiencing significant financial  
6 hardship;

7 “(B) the development of adaptation op-  
8 tions to alleviate economic harm and job loss  
9 caused by ocean acidification;

10 “(C) the development of measures to help  
11 vulnerable communities or industries, with an  
12 emphasis on rural communities and businesses;  
13 and

14 “(D) the development of adaptation and  
15 management options for impacted shellfish in-  
16 dustries.

17 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In  
18 addition to amounts made available under section  
19 12409, there is authorized to be appropriated such  
20 sums as may be necessary to carry out this sub-  
21 section.”.

22 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 Section 12409 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-  
24 search and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3708) is  
25 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subtitle—”  
2           and all that follows through paragraph (4) and in-  
3           serting the following: “subtitle \$30,500,000 for each  
4           of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”; and

5           (2) in subsection (b), by striking “subtitle—”  
6           and all that follows through paragraph (4) and in-  
7           serting the following: “subtitle \$20,000,000 for each  
8           of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”.