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To authorize Federal agencies to establish prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to ocean acidification.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Kilmer introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________

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”.

SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

Section 12404 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3703) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal agency with a representative serving on the interagency working group established under this section may, either individually or in cooperation with one or more agencies, carry out a program to award prizes competitively under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719). An agency seeking to carry out such a program shall carry out such program in coordination with the chair of such interagency working group.

“(2) PURPOSES.—Any prize competition carried out under this subsection shall be for the purpose of stimulating innovation to advance our Nation’s ability to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidification or its impacts, or to develop management or adaptation options for responding to ocean acidification.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 12409 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-
search and Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3708) is
amended—
(1) in subsection (a), by striking “subtitle—” and all that follows through paragraph (4) and inserting the following: “subtitle $30,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”; and

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