

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs.

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To promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

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1 On page 82, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:
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3 **SEC. 4 ____ . EVALUATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF DUPLICATIVE GREEN BUILDING PROGRAMS.**
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5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—The term
7 “administrative expenses” has the meaning given the
8 term by the Director of the Office of Management
9 and Budget under section 504(b)(2) of the Energy
10 and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (31 U.S.C. 1105 note; Public
11 Law 111–85), except that the term shall include, for
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1 purposes of that section and this section, with re-
2 spect to an agency—

3 (A) costs incurred by the agency and costs
4 incurred by grantees, subgrantees, and other re-
5 cipients of funds from a grant program or other
6 program administered by the agency; and

7 (B) expenses related to personnel salaries
8 and benefits, property management, travel, pro-
9 gram management, promotion, reviews and au-
10 dits, case management, and communication
11 about, promotion of, and outreach for programs
12 and program activities administered by the
13 agency.

14 (2) APPLICABLE PROGRAMS.—The term “appli-
15 cable programs” means the programs listed in Table
16 9 (pages 348-350) of the report of the Government
17 Accountability Office entitled “2012 Annual Report:
18 Opportunities to Reduce Duplication, Overlap and
19 Fragmentation, Achieve Savings, and Enhance Rev-
20 enue”.

21 (3) APPROPRIATE SECRETARIES.—The term
22 “appropriate Secretaries” means—

23 (A) the Secretary;

24 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture;

25 (C) the Secretary of Defense;

1 (D) the Secretary of Education;

2 (E) the Secretary of Health and Human
3 Services;

4 (F) the Secretary of Housing and Urban
5 Development;

6 (G) the Secretary of Transportation;

7 (H) the Secretary of the Treasury;

8 (I) the Administrator of the Environmental
9 Protection Agency;

10 (J) the Director of the National Institute
11 of Standards and Technology; and

12 (K) the Administrator of the Small Busi-
13 ness Administration.

14 (4) SERVICES.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
16 graph (B), the term “services” has the meaning
17 given the term by the Director of the Office of
18 Management and Budget.

19 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—The term “services”
20 shall be limited to activities, assistance, and aid
21 that provide a direct benefit to a recipient, such
22 as—

23 (i) the provision of medical care;

24 (ii) assistance for housing or tuition;

25 or

1 (iii) financial support (including
2 grants and loans).

3 (b) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1,
5 2014, the appropriate Secretaries shall submit to
6 Congress and post on the public Internet websites of
7 the agencies of the appropriate Secretaries a report
8 on the outcomes of the applicable programs.

9 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In reporting on the out-
10 comes of each applicable program, the appropriate
11 Secretaries shall—

12 (A) determine the total administrative ex-
13 penses of the applicable program;

14 (B) determine the expenditures for services
15 for the applicable program;

16 (C) estimate the number of clients served
17 by the applicable program and beneficiaries who
18 received assistance under the applicable pro-
19 gram (if applicable);

20 (D) estimate—

21 (i) the number of full-time employees
22 who administer the applicable program;
23 and

24 (ii) the number of full-time equiva-
25 lents (whose salary is paid in part or full

1 by the Federal Government through a
2 grant or contract, a subaward of a grant
3 or contract, a cooperative agreement, or
4 another form of financial award or assist-
5 ance) who assist in administering the ap-
6 plicable program;

7 (E) describe the type of assistance the ap-
8 plicable program provides, such as grants, tech-
9 nical assistance, loans, tax credits, or tax de-
10 ductions;

11 (F) describe the type of recipient who ben-
12 efits from the assistance provided, such as indi-
13 vidual property owners or renters, local govern-
14 ments, businesses, nonprofit organizations, or
15 State governments; and

16 (G) identify and report on whether written
17 program goals are available for the applicable
18 program.

19 (c) PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than
20 January 1, 2015, the appropriate Secretaries shall jointly
21 submit to Congress a report that includes—

22 (1) an analysis of whether any of the applicable
23 programs should be eliminated or consolidated, in-
24 cluding any legislative changes that would be nec-

1 essary to eliminate or consolidate the applicable pro-
2 grams; and

3 (2) ways to improve the applicable programs by
4 establishing program goals or increasing collabora-
5 tion so as to reduce the overlap and duplication
6 identified in—

7 (A) the 2011 report of the Government Ac-
8 countability Office entitled “Federal Initiatives
9 for the NonFederal Sector Could Benefit from
10 More Interagency Collaboration”; and

11 (B) the report of the Government Account-
12 ability Office entitled “2012 Annual Report:
13 Opportunities to Reduce Duplication, Overlap
14 and Fragmentation, Achieve Savings, and En-
15 hance Revenue”.

16 (d) PROGRAM ELIMINATIONS.—Not later than Janu-
17 ary 1, 2015, the appropriate Secretaries shall—

18 (1) identify—

19 (A) which applicable programs are specifi-
20 cally required by law; and

21 (B) which applicable programs are carried
22 out under the discretionary authority of the ap-
23 propriate Secretaries;

24 (2) eliminate those applicable programs that are
25 not required by law; and

- 1 (3) transfer any remaining applicable projects
- 2 and nonduplicative functions into another green
- 3 building program within the same agency.