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To provide that local governments may receive grants to carry out HOMES rebate programs and high-efficiency electric home rebate programs in States in which the applicable State energy office is not carrying out such a program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Mr. SOTO (for himself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FROST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Reforming Energy-
5 Efficient Buildings and Appliances Tax Exemptions Act”
6 or the “REBATE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DOE REBATE PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) HOME ENERGY PERFORMANCE-BASED, WHOLE-
3 HOUSE REBATES.—

4 (1) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 50121(a)
5 of the Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795(a)) is
6 amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and el-
8 igible local governments” after “State energy
9 offices”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) by striking “redistributed to the
12 State energy offices operating a HOMES
13 rebate program using a grant received
14 under this section in proportion to the
15 amount distributed to those State energy
16 offices under subparagraph (A)(ii)” and in-
17 sserting “, subject to subparagraph (C),
18 distributed to each eligible local govern-
19 ment for which an application, submitted
20 not later than December 31, 2024, by such
21 eligible local government, under subsection
22 (b) is approved”; and

23 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(C) DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall
26 distribute money under subparagraph (B) so

1 that the total amount received by all eligible
2 local governments described in subparagraph
3 (B) within a State is equal to the total amount
4 reserved for the State energy office of the State
5 under subparagraph (A).”.

6 (2) APPLICATION.—Section 50121(b) of the
7 Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795(b)) is
8 amended by inserting “or eligible local government”
9 after “A State energy office”.

10 (3) HOMES REBATE PROGRAM.—Section
11 50121(c) of the Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C.
12 18795(c)) is amended—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or eli-
14 gible local government” after “State energy of-
15 fice”;

16 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or eli-
17 gible local government” after “State energy of-
18 fice”;

19 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or eli-
20 gible local government” after “State energy of-
21 fice”;

22 (D) in paragraph (5), by inserting “and el-
23 igible local governments” after “States”; and

1 (E) in paragraph (7), by inserting “or eli-
2 gible local government” after “State energy of-
3 fice”.

4 (4) DEFINITIONS.—Section 50121(d) of the
5 Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795(d)) is
6 amended—

7 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
8 follows:

9 “(2) HOMES REBATE PROGRAM.—The term
10 ‘HOMES rebate program’ means a Home Owner
11 Managing Energy Savings rebate program—

12 “(A) established by a State energy office
13 as part of an approved State energy conserva-
14 tion plan under the State Energy Program; or

15 “(B) carried out pursuant to this section
16 by an eligible local government.”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(4) ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The
19 term ‘eligible local government’ means a unit of local
20 government that is located in a State in which the
21 State energy office has not established a HOMES
22 rebate program, did not receive a grant to develop
23 and implement a HOMES rebate program under
24 this section, or otherwise does not plan to develop
25 and implement a HOMES rebate program or receive

1 a grant under this section, as indicated by the State
2 withdrawing an application under subsection (b), a
3 veto of funding awarded under this section by the
4 Governor of the State, or as otherwise determined by
5 the Secretary.”.

6 (b) HIGH-EFFICIENCY ELECTRIC HOME REBATE
7 PROGRAM.—

8 (1) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 50122(a)
9 of Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795a(a)) is
10 amended—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) by striking “STATE ENERGY OF-
13 FICES AND INDIAN TRIBES” and inserting
14 “STATE ENERGY OFFICES, ELIGIBLE
15 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND INDIAN
16 TRIBES”; and

17 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
18 “and eligible local governments” after
19 “State energy offices”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking
22 “redistributed to the State energy offices
23 operating a high-efficiency electric home
24 rebate program in proportion to the
25 amount distributed to those State energy

1 offices under that clause” and inserting “,
2 subject to subparagraph (D), distributed to
3 each eligible local government for which an
4 application, submitted not later than De-
5 cember 31, 2024, by such eligible local
6 government, under subsection (b) is ap-
7 proved”; and

8 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(D) DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall
11 distribute money under subparagraph (C)(i) so
12 that the total amount received by all eligible
13 local governments described in subparagraph
14 (C)(i) within a State is equal to the total
15 amount reserved for the State energy office of
16 the State under subparagraph (A).”.

17 (2) APPLICATION.—Section 50122(b) of the
18 Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795a(b)) is
19 amended by inserting “, eligible local government,”
20 after “A State energy office”.

21 (3) HIGH-EFFICIENCY ELECTRIC HOME REBATE
22 PROGRAM.—Section 50122(c) of the Public Law
23 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795a(c)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, eligi-
2 ble local governments,” after “State energy of-
3 fices”;

4 (B) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting “, el-
5 igible local government,” after “State energy
6 office”;

7 (C) in paragraph (8), by inserting “, eligi-
8 ble local government,” after “State energy of-
9 fice”; and

10 (D) in paragraph (9), by inserting “, eligi-
11 ble local government,” after “State energy of-
12 fice”.

13 (4) DEFINITIONS.—Section 50122(d) of the
14 Public Law 117–169 (42 U.S.C. 18795a(d)) is
15 amended—

16 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, eligi-
17 ble local government,” after “State energy of-
18 fice”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(7) ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The
21 term ‘eligible local government’ means a unit of local
22 government that is located in a which the State en-
23 ergy office does not have a high-efficiency electric
24 home rebate program, did not receive a grant to de-
25 velop and implement a high-efficiency electric home

1 rebate program, or otherwise does not plan to de-
2 velop and implement a high-efficiency electric home
3 rebate program, as indicated by the State with-
4 drawing an application under subsection (b), a veto
5 of funding awarded under this section by the Gov-
6 ernor of the State, or as otherwise determined by
7 the Secretary.”.

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