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To authorize the National Science Foundation to establish a Global Warming Education Program.

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Mr. HONDA (for himself, Mr. FARR, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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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 “Global Warming Edu-  
5 cation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the evidence for human-induced global  
9 warming is overwhelming and undeniable;

1           (2) the United States emits more carbon diox-  
2           ide and other greenhouse gases than any other coun-  
3           try;

4           (3) atmospheric carbon can be significantly re-  
5           duced through conservation, by shifting to renewable  
6           energy sources such as solar, wind, tidal, and geo-  
7           thermal, and by increasing the efficiency of build-  
8           ings, including domiciles, and transportation;

9           (4) providing clear information about global  
10          warming, in a variety of forms, can remove the fear  
11          and the sense of helplessness, and encourage individ-  
12          uals and communities to take action;

13          (5) implementation of measures that promote  
14          energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable en-  
15          ergy will greatly reduce human impact on the envi-  
16          ronment; and

17          (6) informing people of new technologies and  
18          programs as they become available will ensure max-  
19          imum understanding and maximum impact of those  
20          measures.

21 **SEC. 3. GLOBAL WARMING EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

22          The National Science Foundation shall establish a  
23          Global Warming Education Program to—

1           (1) broaden the understanding of human in-  
2           duced global warming, possible long- and short-term  
3           consequences, and potential solutions;

4           (2) apply the latest scientific and technological  
5           discoveries to provide formal and informal learning  
6           opportunities to people of all ages, including those of  
7           diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds; and

8           (3) emphasize actionable information to help  
9           people understand and to promote implementation of  
10          new technologies, programs, and incentives related  
11          to energy conservation, renewable energy, and green-  
12          house gas reduction.

13 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM ELEMENTS.**

14          The Global Warming Education Program shall in-  
15          clude—

16               (1) a national information campaign to dissemi-  
17               nate information on and promote implementation of  
18               the new technologies, programs, and incentives de-  
19               scribed in section 3(3); and

20               (2) a competitive grant program to provide  
21               grants to States, local municipalities, educational in-  
22               stitutions, and other organizations to—

23                       (A) create informal education materials,  
24                       exhibits, and multimedia presentations relevant  
25                       to global warming and climate science;

1           (B) develop climate science K–12 cur-  
2           riculum and supplementary educational mate-  
3           rials; or

4           (C) publish global warming and climate  
5           science information in print, electronic, and  
6           audio-visual forms.

7 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

8           Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
9           of this Act, and annually thereafter, the National Science  
10          Foundation shall transmit to Congress a report that evalu-  
11          ates the scientific merits, educational effectiveness, and  
12          broader impacts of activities under this Act.

13 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14          There are authorized to be appropriated to the Na-  
15          tional Science Foundation such sums as may be necessary  
16          to carry out this Act.

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