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# H. R. 4568

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2016

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. POLIS, and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, 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 “Cooperative Research  
5        and Development Fund Authorization Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
2 **FUND.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Energy shall  
4 make funds available to Department of Energy National  
5 Laboratories for the Federal share of cooperative research  
6 and development agreements that support maturing Lab-  
7 oratory technology and transferring it to the private sec-  
8 tor.

9 (b) **APPORTIONMENT.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Energy  
11 shall determine the apportionment of such funds to  
12 each Department of Energy National Laboratory  
13 and shall ensure that special consideration is given  
14 to small business firms and consortia involving small  
15 business firms in the selection process for which co-  
16 operative research and development agreements will  
17 receive such funds.

18 (2) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term  
19 “small business firm” has the meaning given such  
20 term in section 4 of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-  
21 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703).

22 (c) **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION METRICS.**—The  
23 Secretary of Energy shall ensure that the performance  
24 evaluation metrics of each National Laboratory operating  
25 contractor provide incentives for, and measure the effec-  
26 tiveness of, the contractor’s cooperative research and de-

1 velopment agreement program at maturing Laboratory  
2 technology and transferring it to the private sector.

3 (d) REPORTING.—

4 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Energy  
5 shall annually transmit to Congress a report that de-  
6 scribes how funds were expended under this section,  
7 including a description of—

8 (A) the types and sizes of non-Federal en-  
9 tities that participated in cooperative research  
10 and development agreements receiving funds  
11 under this section; and

12 (B) the economic benefits resulting from  
13 cooperative research and development agree-  
14 ments that received funds under this section in  
15 previous years.

16 (2) CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS.—Reports re-  
17 quired under this subsection may be consolidated  
18 with other related reports required from the Sec-  
19 retary.

20 (e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section  
21 shall be construed to preclude or limit the use of funding  
22 provided under other authority of law for entering into or  
23 increasing the Federal share of cooperative research and  
24 development agreements, either in combination with fund-  
25 ing provided under this section or separately.

1       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of En-  
3 ergy to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for each of the  
4 fiscal years 2017 through 2021.

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