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To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an integrated energy systems research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FULCHER (for himself and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Integrated Energy Sys-
5 tems Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTEGRATED ENERGY SYSTEMS PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
9 the Integrated Energy Systems Program established
10 under subsection (b)(1).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Energy.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
5 a program, to be known as the “Integrated Energy
6 Systems Program”—

7 (A) to maximize energy production and ef-
8 ficiency;

9 (B) to develop energy systems involving
10 the integration of nuclear energy with renew-
11 able energy, fossil energy, and energy storage;
12 and

13 (C) to expand the use of emissions-reduc-
14 ing energy technologies into nonelectric sectors
15 to achieve significant reductions in environ-
16 mental emissions.

17 (2) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; PARTNERS.—

18 The program shall be carried out by the Undersecre-
19 tary of Energy, in partnership with—

20 (A) relevant offices within the Department
21 of Energy;

22 (B) National Laboratories;

23 (C) institutions of higher education; and

24 (D) the private sector.

1 (3) GOALS AND MILESTONES.—The Secretary
2 shall establish quantitative goals and milestones for
3 the program.

4 (c) RESEARCH AREAS.—Research areas under the
5 program may include—

6 (1) technology innovation to further the expan-
7 sion of emissions-reducing energy technologies to ac-
8 commodate a modern, resilient grid system by—

9 (A) effectively leveraging multiple energy
10 sources;

11 (B) enhancing and streamlining engineer-
12 ing design;

13 (C) carrying out process demonstrations to
14 optimize performance; and

15 (D) streamlining regulatory review;

16 (2) advanced power cycles, energy extraction,
17 and processing of complex hydrocarbons to produce
18 high-value chemicals;

19 (3) efficient use of emissions-reducing energy
20 technologies for hydrogen production to support
21 transportation and industrial needs;

22 (4) enhancement and acceleration of domestic
23 manufacturing and desalinization technologies and
24 processes by optimally using clean energy sources;

1 (5) more effective thermal energy use, trans-
2 port, and storage;

3 (6) the demonstration of nuclear energy deliv-
4 ery for—

5 (A) the production of chemicals, metals,
6 and fuels;

7 (B) the capture, use, and storage of car-
8 bon;

9 (C) renewable integration with an inte-
10 grated energy system; and

11 (D) conversion of carbon feedstock, such
12 as coal, biomass, natural gas, and refuse waste,
13 to higher value nonelectric commodities;

14 (7) the development of new analysis capabilities
15 to identify the best ways—

16 (A) to leverage multiple energy sources in
17 a given region; and

18 (B) to quantify the benefits of integrated
19 energy systems; and

20 (8) any other area that, as determined by the
21 Secretary, meets the purpose and goals of the pro-
22 gram.

23 (d) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants
24 under the program to support the goals of the program.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall
4 submit to Congress a report identifying any program that
5 is duplicative of the program established under section
6 2(b)(1).

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