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H. R. 2536

To require all public housing revitalization projects assisted under the HOPE VI program to meet green communities standards.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLVER (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. WALSH of New York, and Mr. WATT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “HOPE VI Green
5 Building and Technical Assistance Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. GREEN COMMUNITIES REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24(e) of the United States
8 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(e)) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(4) GREEN COMMUNITIES REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(A) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may
3 not make a grant under this section to an appli-
4 cant unless the revitalization plan of the appli-
5 cant to be carried out with such grant amounts
6 complies with the following requirements:

7 “(i) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The
8 plan complies with the green communities
9 criteria checklist of the national Green
10 Communities program that provides cri-
11 teria for the design, development, and op-
12 eration of affordable housing, as such
13 checklist is in effect upon the date of the
14 enactment of the HOPE VI Green Build-
15 ing and Technical Assistance Act of 2007,
16 as follows:

17 “(I) The revitalization plan shall
18 comply with all items of the green
19 communities criteria checklist that are
20 identified as mandatory.

21 “(II) The revitalization plan shall
22 comply with such other nonmandatory
23 items of the green communities cri-
24 teria checklist so as to result in a cu-
25 mulative number of points attrib-

1 utable to such nonmandatory items
2 under such checklist of not less
3 than—

4 “(aa) 25 points, in the case
5 of any plan (or portion thereof)
6 consisting of new construction;
7 and

8 “(bb) 20 points, in the case
9 of any plan (or portion thereof)
10 consisting of rehabilitation.

11 “(ii) NONRESIDENTIAL STRUC-
12 TURES.—The plan provides that any non-
13 residential structure covered by the plan
14 that has 50,000 square feet of gross floor
15 area or more complies with version 2.2 of
16 the Leadership in Energy and Environ-
17 mental Design green building rating sys-
18 tem for new construction and major ren-
19 ovations (LEED–NC 2.2) or version 2.0 of
20 such green building rating system for core
21 and shell (LEED–CS 2.0) at the certifi-
22 cation level.

23 “(B) VERIFICATION.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
25 shall verify, or provide for verification, suf-

1 ficient to ensure that each revitalization
2 plan carried out with amounts from a
3 grant under this section complies with the
4 requirements under subparagraph (A) and
5 that the revitalization program is carried
6 out in accordance with such requirements
7 and plan.

8 “(ii) TIMING.—In providing for such
9 verification, the Secretary shall establish
10 procedures to ensure such compliance with
11 respect to each grantee, and shall report to
12 the Congress with respect to the compli-
13 ance of each grantee, at each of the fol-
14 lowing times:

15 “(I) Not later than 60 days after
16 award of a grant under this section
17 for the grantee.

18 “(II) Upon completion of the re-
19 vitalization program of the grantee.”.

20 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Section 24(e)(2) of the
21 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
22 1437v(e)(2)) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (K), by striking “and” at
24 the end;

1 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (L) as sub-
2 paragraph (M); and

3 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (K) the fol-
4 lowing new subparagraph:

5 “(L) the extent of compliance of the re-
6 vitalization program proposed under the plan
7 with the nonmandatory items of the national
8 Green Communities criteria checklist identified
9 in paragraph (4)(A); and”.

10 **SEC. 3. PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

11 Section 24(m) of the United States Housing Act of
12 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(m)) is amended by striking para-
13 graph (2) and inserting the following new paragraph:

14 “(2) PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
15 GRANTS.—Subject only to approvable requests for
16 grants under this paragraph, of the amount appro-
17 priated pursuant to paragraph (1) for any fiscal
18 year, the Secretary shall use not less than two per-
19 cent for grants in such fiscal year to potential appli-
20 cants and applicants for grants under this section to
21 assist such entities in developing and planning re-
22 vitalization programs under this section or to recipi-
23 ents of grants under this section to assist such re-

- 1 cipients in obtaining technical assistance in carrying
- 2 out revitalization programs.”.

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