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To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers regarding women's health and disease prevention, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. HONDA) 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 "Women's Environ-
5 mental Health and Disease Prevention Act of 2008".

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL**
2 **HEALTH SCIENCES; AWARDS FOR DEVELOP-**
3 **MENT AND OPERATION OF MULTIDISCI-**
4 **PLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING**
5 **WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND**
6 **DISEASE PREVENTION.**

7 Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2851 et seq.) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 463C. MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS RE-**
11 **GARDING WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL**
12 **HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Institute
14 shall make grants to public or nonprofit private entities
15 for the development and operation of at least 1 and not
16 more than 6 centers whose purpose is conducting multi-
17 disciplinary research on environmental factors that may
18 be related to the development of women's health conditions
19 (as defined in section 486). The Director of the Institute
20 shall carry out this section in consultation with the Direc-
21 tor of the Office of Research on Women's Health and with
22 the advisory council for the Institute.

23 “(b) RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION AND
24 EDUCATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each center under sub-
2 section (a) shall, with respect to the purpose de-
3 scribed in such subsection—

4 “(A) conduct basic or clinical research;

5 “(B) develop protocols for training physi-
6 cians, scientists, nurses, and other health and
7 allied health professionals;

8 “(C) conduct training programs in accord-
9 ance with such protocols; and

10 “(D) disseminate information to such pro-
11 fessionals and the public.

12 “(2) EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.—
13 In carrying out the activities described in paragraph
14 (1), each center under subsection (a) shall empha-
15 size activities that are directed toward preventing
16 the development in women of the diseases and condi-
17 tions involved.

18 “(3) STIPENDS FOR TRAINING OF HEALTH PRO-
19 FESSIONALS.—A center under subsection (a) may
20 use funds under such subsection to provide stipends
21 for health and allied health professionals enrolled in
22 programs described in paragraph (1)(C).

23 “(c) COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY.—Each
24 center under subsection (a) shall establish and maintain
25 ongoing collaborations with community organizations in

1 the geographic area served by the center, including those
2 that represent women or children with disorders that ap-
3 pear to stem from environmental factors.

4 “(d) COORDINATION OF CENTERS; REPORTS.—The
5 Director of the Institute shall, as appropriate, provide for
6 the coordination of information among centers under sub-
7 section (a) and ensure regular communication between
8 such centers.

9 “(e) STRUCTURE OF CENTER.—Each center assisted
10 under subsection (a) may use the facilities of a single insti-
11 tution, or be formed from a consortium of cooperating in-
12 stitutions, meeting such requirements as may be pre-
13 scribed by the Director of the Institute.

14 “(f) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center
15 under subsection (a) may be for a period not exceeding
16 5 years. Such period may be extended for 1 or more addi-
17 tional periods not exceeding 5 years if the operations of
18 such center have been reviewed by an appropriate tech-
19 nical and scientific peer review group established by the
20 Director of the Institute and if such group has rec-
21 ommended to the Director that such period should be ex-
22 tended.

23 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
24 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized

1 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fis-
2 cal years 2009 through 2013.”.

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