

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1921

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## AN ACT

To authorize Federal agencies to establish prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to ocean acidification.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ocean Acidification  
3 Innovation Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

5 Section 12404 of the Federal Ocean Acidification Re-  
6 search And Monitoring Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3703) is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(d) PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal agency with a  
10 representative serving on the interagency working  
11 group established under this section may, either in-  
12 dividually or in cooperation with one or more agen-  
13 cies, carry out a program to award prizes competi-  
14 tively under section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler  
15 Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.  
16 3719). An agency seeking to carry out such a pro-  
17 gram shall carry out such program in coordination  
18 with the chair of such interagency working group.

19 “(2) PURPOSES.—Any prize competition carried  
20 out under this subsection shall be for the purpose of  
21 stimulating innovation to advance our Nation’s abil-  
22 ity to understand, research, or monitor ocean acidifi-  
23 cation or its impacts, or to develop management or  
24 adaptation options for responding to ocean acidifica-  
25 tion.

1           “(3) PRIORITY PROGRAMS.—Priority shall be  
2 given to establishing programs under this section  
3 that address communities, environments, or indus-  
4 tries that are in distress due to the impacts of ocean  
5 acidification, including—

6                   “(A) the development of monitoring or  
7 management options for communities or indus-  
8 tries that are experiencing significant financial  
9 hardship;

10                   “(B) the development of adaptation op-  
11 tions to alleviate economic harm and job loss  
12 caused by ocean acidification;

13                   “(C) the development of measures to help  
14 vulnerable communities or industries, with an  
15 emphasis on rural communities and businesses;  
16 and

17                   “(D) the development of adaptation and  
18 management options for impacted shellfish in-  
19 dustries.”.

20 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

21           The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
22 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
23 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
24 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
25 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record

1 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
2 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
3 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2019.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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