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H. R. 3450

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to assist communities in complying with environmental requirements, to authorize the use of penalty amounts collected under laws administered by the Environmental Protection Agency to finance the grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness in Negative
3 Enforcement Act of 2011” or the “FINE Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Envi-
6 ronmental Protection Agency may make grants to States
7 and local governments for projects and activities to assist
8 communities in complying with environmental require-
9 ments under laws administered by the Environmental Pro-
10 tection Agency.

11 (b) **APPLICATIONS.**—To be eligible to receive a grant
12 under this section, a State or local government shall sub-
13 mit to the Administrator an application that is in such
14 form and contains such information as the Administrator
15 may require.

16 (c) **SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.**—The Ad-
17 ministrator shall select among applicants for grants under
18 this section based on need.

19 (d) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—The Federal share of the cost
20 of a project or activity carried out with grant funds re-
21 ceived under this section shall be 75 percent.

22 (e) **FUNDING.**—The Administrator shall make grants
23 under this section using amounts made available from the
24 EPA Compliance Trust Fund established under section 3.

1 **SEC. 3. EPA COMPLIANCE TRUST FUND.**

2 (a) CREATION OF TRUST FUND.—There is estab-
3 lished in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund
4 to be known as the “EPA Compliance Trust Fund” (in
5 this section referred to as the “Fund”).

6 (b) TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUND.—There is hereby
7 appropriated to the Fund amounts equivalent to the
8 amounts deposited in the general fund of the Treasury
9 that are attributable to penalties collected under laws ad-
10 ministered by the Environmental Protection Agency. The
11 amounts to be transferred to the Fund under this sub-
12 section shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treas-
13 ury, in consultation with the Administrator of the Envi-
14 ronmental Protection Agency.

15 (c) ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUND.—The Admin-
16 istrator shall administer the EPA Compliance Trust
17 Fund.

18 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Fund shall be
19 available to the Administrator, in amounts specified in ap-
20 propriation Acts, for making grants under section 2.

21 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.**

22 None of the funds made available to the Environ-
23 mental Protection Agency for a fiscal year beginning after
24 the date of enactment of this Act may be used to fund

- 1 programs or activities that are carried out outside of the
- 2 United States.

