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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. REID, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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Reported by Mr. CHAFEE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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**A BILL**

To amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

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 “National Environ-  
3 mental Education Amendments Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.**

5 Section 4 of the National Environmental Education  
6 Act (20 U.S.C. 5503) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1) by inserting after  
9 “support” the following: “balanced and scientif-  
10 ically sound”;

11 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

12 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
13 through (13) as paragraphs (6) through (12),  
14 respectively; and

15 (D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesign-  
16 ated), by inserting before the period the fol-  
17 lowing: “through the headquarters and the re-  
18 gional offices of the Agency”; and

19 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
20 following:

21 “(c) STAFF.—The Office of Environmental Edu-  
22 cation shall—

23 “(1) include a headquarters staff of not more  
24 than 10 full-time equivalent employees; and

25 “(2) be supported by 1 full-time equivalent em-  
26 ployee in each Agency regional office.

1 “(d) **ACTIVITIES.**—The Administrator may carry out  
 2 the activities specified in subsection (b) directly or through  
 3 awards of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts.”.

4 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS.**

5 Section 6 of the National Environmental Education  
 6 Act (20 U.S.C. 5505) is amended—

7 (1) in the second sentence of subsection (i), by  
 8 striking “25 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;  
 9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(j) **LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.**—A grant under this sec-  
 12 tion may not be used to fund a lobbying activity (as de-  
 13 scribed in the documents issued by the Office of Manage-  
 14 ment and Budget and designated as OMB Circulars No.  
 15 ~~A-21~~ and No. ~~A-122~~).”.

16 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOW-**  
 17 **SHIPS.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The National Environmental  
 19 Education Act is amended—

20 (1) by striking section 7 (20 U.S.C. 5506); and

21 (2) by redesignating sections 8 through 11 (20  
 22 U.S.C. 5507 through 5510) as sections 7 through  
 23 10, respectively.

24 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—The National En-  
 25 vironmental Education Act is amended—

1           (1) in the table of contents in section 1(b) (20  
2 U.S.C. prec. 5501)—

3           (A) by striking the item relating to section  
4           7; and

5           (B) by redesignating the items relating to  
6           sections 8 through 11 as items relating to sec-  
7           tions 7 through 10, respectively;

8           (2) in section 4(b) (20 U.S.C. 5503(b))—

9           (A) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by  
10           section 2(1)(C)), by striking “section 8 of this  
11           Act” and inserting “section 7”; and

12           (B) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated),  
13           by striking “section 9 of this Act” and inserting  
14           “section 8”;

15           (3) in section 6(e)(3) (20 U.S.C. 5505(e)(3)),  
16           by striking “section 9(d) of this Act” and inserting  
17           “section 8(d)”;

18           (4) in the matter preceding subsection (e)(3)(A)  
19           of section 9 (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)),  
20           by striking “section 10(a) of this Act” and inserting  
21           “subsection (a)”;

22           (5) in subsection (e)(2) of section 10 (as red-  
23           esignated by subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section  
24           10(d) of this Act” and inserting “section 9(d)”.

1 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

2 Section 7 of the National Environmental Education  
3 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 7. NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS.**

6 “The Administrator may provide for awards to be  
7 known as the ‘President’s Environmental Youth Awards’  
8 to be given to young people in grades kindergarten  
9 through 12 for outstanding projects to promote local envi-  
10 ronmental awareness.”.

11 **SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
12 **AND TASK FORCE.**

13 Section 8 of the National Environmental Education  
14 Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the first  
16 and second sentences and inserting the following:  
17 “The Advisory Council shall consist of not more  
18 than 11 members appointed by the Administrator  
19 after consultation with the Secretary. To the extent  
20 practicable, the Administrator shall appoint to the  
21 Advisory Council at least 1 representative from each  
22 of the following sectors: primary and secondary edu-  
23 cation; colleges and universities; not-for-profit orga-  
24 nizations involved in environmental education; State  
25 departments of education and natural resources;  
26 business and industry; and senior Americans.”;

1           (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)  
2 and inserting the following:

3           “~~(2) MEMBERSHIP.—~~Membership on the Task  
4 Force shall be open to representatives of any Fed-  
5 eral agency actively engaged in environmental edu-  
6 cation.”; and

7           (3) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (1)  
8 and inserting the following:

9           “~~(1) BIENNIAL MEETINGS.—~~The Advisory  
10 Council shall hold a biennial meeting on timely is-  
11 sues regarding environmental education and issue a  
12 report and recommendations on the proceedings of  
13 the meeting.”.

14 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**  
15 **TRAINING FOUNDATION.**

16 (a) **CHANGE IN NAME.—**

17           (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The first sentence of sub-  
18 section (a)(1)(A) of section 9 of the National Envi-  
19 ronmental Education Act (as redesignated by section  
20 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “National Environ-  
21 mental Education and Training Foundation” and in-  
22 serting “Foundation for Environmental Education”.

23           (2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—**The National  
24 Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5501 et  
25 seq.) is amended—

1 (A) in the item relating to section 9 (as re-  
 2 designated by section 4(b)(1)(B)) of the table of  
 3 contents in section 1(b) (20 U.S.C. prec. 5501),  
 4 by striking “National Environmental Education  
 5 and Training Foundation” and inserting  
 6 “Foundation for Environmental Education”;

7 (B) in section 3 (20 U.S.C. 5502)—

8 (i) by striking paragraph (12) and in-  
 9 serting the following:

10 “(12) FOUNDATION.—‘Foundation’ means the  
 11 Foundation for Environmental Education estab-  
 12 lished by section 9; and”;

13 (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking  
 14 “National Environmental Education and  
 15 Training Foundation” and inserting  
 16 “Foundation for Environmental Edu-  
 17 cation”;

18 (C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesign-  
 19 ated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NA-**  
 20 **TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**  
 21 **TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting  
 22 “**FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDU-**  
 23 **CATION**”; and

24 (D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as re-  
 25 designated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “Na-

1            tional Environmental Education and Training  
 2            Foundation” and inserting “Foundation for  
 3            Environmental Education”.

4            (b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIREC-  
 5            TORS.—The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of sec-  
 6            tion 9 of the National Environmental Education Act (as  
 7            redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
 8            “13” and inserting “19”.

9            (c) CONDITIONS OF DONATIONS.—Section 9 of the  
 10           National Environmental Education Act (as redesignated  
 11           by section 4(a)(2)) is amended in subsection (d) by strik-  
 12           ing paragraph (3).

13           **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14           Section 10 of the National Environmental Education  
 15           Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by  
 16           striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the follow-  
 17           ing:

18           “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
 19           propriated to the Environmental Protection Agency to  
 20           carry out this Act—

21                      “(1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997,  
 22                      1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; and

23                      “(1) such sums as are necessary for each of fis-  
 24                      cal years 2003 through 2007.

25           “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

1           “(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Subject to paragraph (2),  
2 of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a)  
3 for a fiscal year—

4           “~~(A)~~ not more than 25 percent may be  
5 used for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
6 mental Education;

7           “~~(B)~~ not more than 25 percent may be  
8 used for the operation of the environmental  
9 education and training program;

10          “~~(C)~~ not less than 40 percent shall be used  
11 for environmental education grants; and

12          “~~(D)~~ 10 percent shall be used for the  
13 Foundation for Environmental Education.

14          “(2) ~~ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.~~—Of the  
15 amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a  
16 fiscal year for the activities of the Office of Environ-  
17 mental Education, not more than 25 percent may be  
18 used for administrative expenses.”.

19 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20          The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
21 as of the later of—

22           (1) October 1, 1996; or

23           (2) the date of enactment of this Act.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “National Environmental*  
3 *Education Amendments Act of 1996”.*

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12 *(C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)*  
13 *through (13) as paragraphs (6) through (12), re-*  
14 *spectively; and*

15 *(D) in paragraph (12) (as so redesignated),*  
16 *by inserting before the period the following:*  
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18 *fices of the Agency”; and*

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20 *following:*

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22 *shall—*

23 *“(1) include a headquarters staff of not more*  
24 *than 10 full-time equivalent employees; and*

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9           Act” and inserting “section 7”; and

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11          by striking “section 9 of this Act” and inserting  
12          “section 8”;

13          (3) in section 6(c)(3) (20 U.S.C. 5505(c)(3)), by  
14          striking “section 9(d) of this Act” and inserting “sec-  
15          tion 8(d)”;

16          (4) in the matter preceding subsection (c)(3)(A)  
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 20 *Administrator shall appoint to the Advisory Council*  
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 22 *sectors: primary and secondary education; colleges*  
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 24 *in environmental education; State departments of*  
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1           (A) in the item relating to section 9 (as re-  
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 4           by striking “National Environmental Education  
 5           and Training Foundation” and inserting  
 6           “Foundation for Environmental Education”;

7           (B) in section 3 (20 U.S.C. 5502)—

8           (i) by striking paragraph (12) and in-  
 9           serting the following:

10           “(12) FOUNDATION.—‘Foundation’ means the  
 11           Foundation for Environmental Education established  
 12           by section 9; and”;

13           (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking  
 14           “National Environmental Education and  
 15           Training Foundation” and inserting  
 16           “Foundation for Environmental Edu-  
 17           cation”;

18           (C) in the heading of section 9 (as redesi-  
 19           gnated by section 4(a)(2)), by striking “**NA-**  
 20           **TIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND**  
 21           **TRAINING FOUNDATION**” and inserting  
 22           “**FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDU-**  
 23           **CATION**”; and

24           (D) in subsection (c) of section 10 (as redesi-  
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1           *tional Environmental Education and Training*  
 2           *Foundation” and inserting “Foundation for En-*  
 3           *vironmental Education”.*

4           ***(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.—***  
 5           *The first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A) of section 9 of the*  
 6           *National Environmental Education Act (as redesignated by*  
 7           *section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking “13” and inserting*  
 8           *“19”.*

9           ***(c) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS.—****Section 9(d)*  
 10          *of the National Environmental Education Act (as redesi-*  
 11          *gnated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by striking paragraph*  
 12          *(3) and inserting the following:*

13                   ***(3) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS.—****The*  
 14                   *Foundation may acknowledge receipt of donations by*  
 15                   *means of a listing of the names of donors in materials*  
 16                   *distributed by the Foundation, but any such acknowl-*  
 17                   *edgment—*

18                           ***(A) shall not appear in educational mate-***  
 19                           *rial to be presented to students; and*

20                           ***(B) shall not identify a donor by means of***  
 21                           *a logo, letterhead, or other corporate commercial*  
 22                           *symbol, slogan, or product.”.*

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *Section 10 of the National Environmental Education*  
 3 *Act (as redesignated by section 4(a)(2)) is amended by*  
 4 *striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:*

5 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-*  
 6 *priated to the Environmental Protection Agency to carry*  
 7 *out this Act—*

8 *“(1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997,*  
 9 *1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; and*

10 *“(1) such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal*  
 11 *years 2003 through 2007.*

12 *“(b) LIMITATIONS.—*

13 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), of*  
 14 *the amounts appropriated under subsection (a) for a*  
 15 *fiscal year—*

16 *“(A) not more than 25 percent may be used*  
 17 *for the activities of the Office of Environmental*  
 18 *Education;*

19 *“(B) not more than 25 percent may be used*  
 20 *for the operation of the environmental education*  
 21 *and training program;*

22 *“(C) not less than 40 percent shall be used*  
 23 *for environmental education grants; and*

24 *“(D) 10 percent shall be used for the Foun-*  
 25 *ation for Environmental Education.*

1           “(2) *ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.*—Of the  
2           *amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a*  
3           *fiscal year for the activities of the Office of Environ-*  
4           *mental Education, not more than 25 percent may be*  
5           *used for administrative expenses.”.*

6 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7           *The amendments made by this Act shall take effect as*  
8           *of the later of—*

9                   (1) *October 1, 1996; or*

10                   (2) *the date of enactment of this Act.*