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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Markey (for himself, Mr. Padilla, and Mr. Booker) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. 2 This Act may be cited as the "Preventing Health 3 Emergencies And Temperature-related Illness and Deaths Act of 2021" or the "Preventing HEAT Illness and 4 5 Deaths Act of 2021". SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS. 6 7 In this Act: 8 (1) Environmental justice community.— The term "environmental justice community" means 9 10 a community with significant representation of com-11 munities of color, low-income communities, or Tribal 12 and indigenous communities, that experiences, or is 13 at risk of experiencing, higher or more adverse 14 human health or environmental effects, as compared 15 to other communities. 16 Extreme Heat.—The term "extreme heat" means heat that exceeds local climatological 17 18 norms in terms of any combination of the following: 19 (A) Duration. 20 (B) Intensity. 21 (C) Season length. 22 (D) Frequency. (3) HEAT.—The term "heat" means any com-23 24 bination of the parameters associated with modu-25 lating human thermal regulation, such as air tem-

perature, humidity, solar exposure, and wind speed.

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3 (4) HEAT EVENT.—The term "heat event" 1 2 means an occurrence of extreme heat that may have 3 heat-health implications. 4 (5) HEAT-HEALTH.—The term "heat-health" 5 means health effects to humans from heat, during or 6 outside of heat events, including from vulnerability 7 and exposure, or the risk of such effects. 8 (6) Planning.—The term "planning" means 9 activities performed across timescales (including 10 days, weeks, months, years, and decades) with sce-11 nario-based, probabilistic or deterministic informa-12 tion to identify and take actions to proactively miti-13 gate heat-health risks from increased frequency, du-14 ration, and intensity of heat waves and increased 15 ambient temperature. (7) Preparedness.—The term "preparedness" 16 17 means activities performed across timescales (includ-18 ing days, weeks, months, years, and decades) with 19 probabilistic or deterministic information to manage 20 risk in advance of a heat event and increased ambi-21 ent temperature. 22 (8) Urban Heat Island.—The term "urban heat island" means the phenomenon observed in ur-23 24 banized areas in which heat is more extreme than in

the surrounding exurban areas and heat is hetero-

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1	geneously distributed within urbanized areas, due to
2	factors including—
3	(A) low albedo and impervious surfaces;
4	(B) low vegetation coverage; and
5	(C) waste heat produced in urban areas.
6	SEC. 3. FINDINGS.
7	Congress makes the following findings:
8	(1) Extreme heat events have been the leading
9	cause of weather-related death in the United States
10	over the last 30 years, according to the Centers for
11	Disease Control and Prevention and the National
12	Weather Service.
13	(2) The fourth National Climate Assessment,
14	mandated by the Global Change Research Act of
15	1990 (15 U.S.C. 2921 et seq.), finds that during the
16	next few decades, annual average temperature over
17	the contiguous United States is projected to increase
18	by a further 2.2°F relative to current temperatures,
19	regardless of future scenarios. The National Climate
20	Assessment projects that the frequency and intensity
21	of extreme heat events will increase in the future as
22	global temperature increases.
23	(3) Exposure to extreme heat can cause acute
24	heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke, which al-
25	ready result in more than 65,000 emergency room

visits each year and exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses.

- (4) Heat poses the greatest health risks for adults older than 65 years of age, pregnant people, young children, low-income communities, urban communities, communities with low air conditioning prevalence, socially isolated individuals, people with mental or physical disabilities, people with underlying medical conditions, agricultural or other outdoor workers, workers without sufficient access to cooling, athletes, incarcerated individuals, people experiencing homelessness, and military personnel.
- (5) Increasingly common environmental exposures exacerbated by climate change, such as extreme heat, are significantly associated with serious adverse pregnancy outcomes across the United States. Those adverse pregnancy outcomes disproportionately impact Black mothers.
- (6) Heat exposure is an issue of environmental justice, as people living in low-income communities, communities of color, and Tribal communities face a number of interacting factors that render them more vulnerable to extreme heat.
- (7) The impacts of heat on human health are more severe in urban areas where land surface prop-

1 erties create an urban heat island, particularly in 2 neighborhoods with limited availability of or access 3 to green spaces, shade, and tree cover, higher den-4 sity of building structures, and more vehicular traf-5 fic. 6 (8) Limited availability of tree cover and higher 7 temperatures are correlated with low-income neigh-8 borhoods in urban areas. In Richmond, Virginia, 9 Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., re-10 searchers found that heat risk is disproportionately 11 distributed to communities of color in patterns asso-12 ciated with segregation and redlining. 13 (9) Researchers have found that few commu-14 nities in the United States have sufficient climate 15 and health information, guidance, and resources for 16 heat planning, preparedness, and response. 17 (10) The risks associated with extreme heat 18 have complex interactions and impacts, and the 19 of those risks management requires a 20 transdisciplinary approach. 21 (11) Regions, communities, and populations 22 that face the greatest health consequences of ex-23 treme heat often may experience the lowest heat risk 24 perceptions, have limited incentives, or have access

to the fewest resources for responding to extreme

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heat, and as such, may be less likely to take precautions.

(12) Research on the impacts of extreme heat on human health and the effectiveness of solutions under varying climate, social, and other contexts is stymied by a lack of access to reliable, timely health observations and surveillance due to proprietary data rights, expense, privacy and security concerns, inconsistent reporting of health outcomes and contributory factors, poor data integration and interoperability, few incentives and little systematic coordination to address those problems, and a lack of adequate climate observation, modeling, and assessment in urban, indoor, and occupational settings.

(13) Integrated climate and health research and information, when developed in a collaborative, transdisciplinary manner, can inform long- and medium-range scenario-based planning and decision making to protect vulnerable communities and populations from extreme heat, reduce exposure to extreme heat, and address factors that increase vulnerability.

(14) Heat action plans and early warning systems can reduce heat-related morbidity and mortality by clearly identifying roles and responsibilities

as well as evidence-based actions and thresholds to
enhance preparedness, and by promoting behavior
changes and actions taken by local governments,
communities, and individuals through awareness and
increased risk perception among those most vulnerable to the health impacts of heat.

7 SEC. 4. NATIONAL INTEGRATED HEAT HEALTH INFORMA-

- 8 TION SYSTEM INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.
- 9 (a) Establishment of Committee.—There is es-
- 10 tablished within the Office of Science and Technology Pol-
- 11 icy an interagency committee, to be known as the "Na-
- 12 tional Integrated Heat Health Information System Inter-
- 13 agency Committee" (in this section referred to as the
- 14 "Committee").
- 15 (b) Purpose.—The Committee shall coordinate,
- 16 plan, and direct agencies represented on the Committee
- 17 to execute, as appropriate, activities across such agencies
- 18 to ensure the National Integrated Heat Health Informa-
- 19 tion System Program established by section 5 provides a
- 20 united Federal approach to reducing health risks from
- 21 heat across timescales (including days, weeks, months,
- 22 years, and decades).
- (c) Membership.—

1	(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to carry out and
2	achieve the purpose described in subsection (b), the
3	Committee shall include the following:
4	(A) The Director of the National Inte-
5	grated Heat Health Information System Pro-
6	gram.
7	(B) Not fewer than 1 representative from
8	each of the following:
9	(i) From the Department of Com-
10	merce, the following:
11	(I) From the National Oceanic
12	and Atmospheric Administration, the
13	following:
14	(aa) The National Weather
15	Service.
16	(bb) The Office of Oceanic
17	and Atmospheric Research, in-
18	cluding the Climate Program Of-
19	fice.
20	(II) The National Institute of
21	Standards and Technology.
22	(III) The Bureau of the Census.
23	(ii) From the Department of Health
24	and Human Services, the following:

1	(1) The Centers for Disease Con-
2	trol and Prevention, including the Na-
3	tional Institute for Occupational Safe-
4	ty and Health.
5	(II) The Office of the Assistant
6	Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
7	ices for Preparedness and Response.
8	(III) The Substance Abuse and
9	Mental Health Services Administra-
10	tion.
11	(IV) The National Institutes of
12	Health.
13	(iii) From the Department of the In-
14	terior, the following:
15	(I) The Bureau of Indian Affairs.
16	(II) The Bureau of Land Man-
17	agement.
18	(iv) From the Environmental Protec-
19	tion Agency, the following:
20	(I) The Office of Environmental
21	Justice.
22	(II) The Office of Air and Radi-
23	ation, if the Administrator of the En-
24	vironmental Protection Agency deter-
25	mines appropriate.

1	(III) The Office of Research and
2	Development, if the Administrator de-
3	termines appropriate.
4	(v) The Federal Emergency Manage
5	ment Agency.
6	(vi) The Department of Defense.
7	(vii) The Occupational Safety and
8	Health Administration.
9	(viii) The Department of Agriculture
10	(ix) The Department of Housing and
11	Urban Development.
12	(x) The Department of Transpor-
13	tation.
14	(xi) The Department of Energy.
15	(xii) Such other Federal agencies as
16	the Director of the Office of Science and
17	Technology Policy considers appropriate.
18	(2) Selection of Representatives.—The
19	head of an agency specified in paragraph (1)(B)
20	shall, in appointing representatives of the agency to
21	the Committee, select representatives who have ex-
22	pertise in areas relevant to the responsibilities of the
23	Committee, such as weather and climate prediction
24	health impacts, environmental justice, behavioral

1	science, public health hazard preparedness and re-
2	sponse, or mental health services.
3	(3) Co-chairs.—
4	(A) In general.—The members of the
5	Committee shall select 2 individuals from
6	among such members to serve as co-chairs of
7	the Committee, subject to the approval of the
8	Director of the Office of Science and Tech-
9	nology Policy.
10	(B) Selection.—
11	(i) Initial selection.—Of the co-
12	chairs first selected, one co-chair shall be
13	from the National Oceanic and Atmos-
14	pheric Administration and one co-chain
15	shall be from the Centers for Disease Con-
16	trol and Prevention.
17	(ii) Subsequent selection.—Sub-
18	sequent co-chairs shall be selected from
19	among the members of the Committee.
20	(C) Terms.—Each co-chair shall serve for
21	a term of not more than 5 years.
22	(D) Responsibilities of co-chairs.—
23	The co-chairs of the Committee shall—

1	(1) determine the agenda of the Com-
2	mittee, in consultation with other members
3	of the Committee;
4	(ii) direct the work of the Committee;
5	(iii) convene meetings of the Com-
6	mittee not less frequently than once each
7	fiscal quarter; and
8	(iv) if necessary, establish a coordina-
9	tion office for the Committee within the
10	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-
11	istration.
12	(d) Responsibilities of Committee.—The Com-
13	mittee shall promote an integrated, Federal Government-
14	wide approach to reducing health risks and impacts of
15	heat, including by—
16	(1) developing the strategic plan required by
17	subsection (e);
18	(2) overseeing the study required by section
19	6(a)(1);
20	(3) coordinating across Federal agencies on
21	heat-health communication, research, service deliv-
22	ery, and workforce development;
23	(4) building capacity and partnerships with
24	Federal and non-Federal entities; and

1	(5) annually preparing a budget for the finan-
2	cial assistance program under section 7 specifying
3	how funds will be awarded by the Director of the
4	National Integrated Heat Health Information Sys-
5	tem Program in alignment with the strategic plan
6	required by subsection $(e)(1)$ and in coordination
7	with the climate and health research grant program
8	under section $5(d)(2)$.
9	(e) Strategic Plan.—
10	(1) In general.—Not later than 2 years after
11	the date of the enactment of this Act, the Committee
12	shall submit to Congress a 5-year integrated stra-
13	tegic plan that outlines the goals and projects of the
14	Committee, including how the Committee will—
15	(A) improve coordination and integration
16	of interagency Federal actions to address health
17	risks of heat;
18	(B) conduct the study required by section
19	6(a)(1); and
20	(C) oversee the program for providing fi-
21	nancial assistance under section 7.
22	(2) UPDATES.—Not later than 5 years after the
23	submission of the strategic plan required by para-
24	graph (1), and every 5 years thereafter, the Com-
25	mittee shall submit to Congress an update of the

plan, which shall include progress made toward goals
outlined in the plan and new priorities that emerge.

- 3 (3) Public availability.—The Committee
 4 shall make the strategic plan required by paragraph
 5 (1) and updates to the plan required by paragraph
 6 (2) available to the public on an internet website of
 7 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra8 tion, with clear visuals indicating progress toward
 9 goals.
- 10 (f) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Administrator 11 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 12 shall provide technical and administrative support to the 13 Committee, using amounts authorized to be appropriated 14 to the Administration.

15 (g) Consultation.—In carrying out the responsibil16 ities of the Committee, the Committee shall consult with
17 relevant regional, State, Tribal, and local government
18 agencies, international organizations and partners, re19 search institutions, nongovernmental organizations and
20 associations, and medical experts with expertise in emer21 gency response, environmental health, economic or busi22 ness development, or community engagement.

1	SEC. 5. NATIONAL INTEGRATED HEAT HEALTH INFORMA-
2	TION SYSTEM PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL
3	OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRA-
4	TION.
5	(a) Establishment.—There is established within
6	the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research of the
7	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a pro-
8	gram, to be known as the "National Integrated Heat
9	Health Information System Program".
10	(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the program estab-
11	lished by subsection (a) is to improve the capacity of the
12	United States to plan, prepare for, adapt to, and mitigate
13	health risks of extreme heat across multiple timescales.
14	(c) DIRECTOR.—The Program shall be headed by a
15	Director.
16	(d) Responsibilities.—In carrying out the purpose
17	described in subsection (b), the Director shall carry out
18	the following responsibilities:
19	(1) Implementation plan.—
20	(A) In general.—The Director shall im-
21	plement the strategic plan required by section
22	4(e)(1) by developing and implementing a
23	multi-year implementation plan.
24	(B) Elements.—In developing and imple-
25	menting the implementation plan under sub-

1	paragraph (A), the Director shall focus on the
2	following:
3	(i) Developing and sustaining robust
4	relationships with climate, public health,
5	environmental justice, and other Federal
6	and non-Federal partners and decision-
7	makers—
8	(I) to respond to the demand for
9	actionable information that reduces
10	health risks on multiple timescales;
11	and
12	(II) to develop and deliver timely
13	and accessible decision support serv-
14	ices, tools, and information to inform
15	planning, preparedness, and risk-re-
16	ducing actions across timescales;
17	(ii) Coordinating and collaborating
18	with the international community and glob-
19	al partners to conduct research and learn
20	from, leverage, and contribute to global
21	knowledge.
22	(iii) Enhancing observations, surveil-
23	lance, and monitoring necessary for the ac-
24	tivities described in clauses (i) and (ii).

1	(iv) Communicating, educating, and
2	building awareness and capacity to address
3	heat risk across communities, sectors, and
4	timescales.
5	(v) Implementing and executing the
6	grant program under paragraph (2) and
7	the financial assistance program under sec-
8	tion (7).
9	(vi) Conducting the study required by
10	section $6(a)(1)$.
11	(2) Grant Program.—The Director shall de-
12	velop and implement a climate and health research
13	grant program, in coordination with the financial as-
14	sistance program under section 7 and other Federal
15	programs—
16	(A) to improve understanding of—
17	(i) the climate epidemiology and social
18	drivers of heat-health vulnerability and
19	risk;
20	(ii) the drivers of climate variability,
21	predictability, and changes in extreme
22	heat; and
23	(iii) the impacts of extreme heat and
24	compound hazards across timescales;

1	(B) to investigate and evaluate the effec-
2	tiveness of risk management actions, interven-
3	tions, policies, standards, codes, and guidelines;
4	and
5	(C) to address other topics as appropriate,
6	including topics outlined in the strategic plan
7	required by section 4(e)(1) and relevant to the
8	study required by section 6(a)(1) and the finan-
9	cial assistance program under section 7.
10	(3) Additional activities.—The Director
11	shall carry out such other activities as the Com-
12	mittee considers appropriate.
13	SEC. 6. STUDY ON EXTREME HEAT INFORMATION AND RE-
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14	SPONSE.
14 15	sponse. (a) Study.—
14 15 16	SPONSE. (a) Study.— (1) In general.—Not later than 2 years after
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20	sponse. (a) Study.— (1) In general.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Program shall, in consultation with the entities described in section 4(g), complete a study on
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	sponse. (a) Study.— (1) In general.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Program shall, in consultation with the entities described in section 4(g), complete a study on extreme heat information and response.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	sponse. (a) Study.— (1) In general.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Program shall, in consultation with the entities described in section 4(g), complete a study on extreme heat information and response. (2) Oversight.—The National Integrated

1	(3) Elements.—The study required by para-
2	graph (1) shall—
3	(A) identify policy and research gaps
4	which may include—
5	(i) regions of the United States with
6	the largest gaps between awareness, pre-
7	paredness, and capacity to address extreme
8	heat; and
9	(ii) heat-related gaps in data, such
10	as—
11	(I) the number of schools, pris-
12	ons, and other public facilities that
13	lack air conditioning; and
14	(II) the demographic breakdown
15	of people affected by heat events, in-
16	cluding by race, age, gender, occupa-
17	tion, and income; and
18	(B) provide recommendations for address-
19	ing gaps with respect to policy, research, oper-
20	ations, communications, and data, including the
21	gaps identified under subparagraph (A), affect-
22	ing heat-health planning, preparedness, re-
23	sponse, resilience, adaptation, and environ-
24	mental justice and equity;

1	(C) provide such other recommendations as
2	the Director considers appropriate, which may
3	include strategies for—
4	(i) communicating warnings to and
5	promoting resilience of populations vulner-
6	able to extreme heat;
7	(ii) effectively distributing extreme
8	heat warnings, including to individuals
9	with limited English proficiency and indi-
10	viduals who are socially isolated or have
11	other established barriers to such informa-
12	tion;
13	(iii) designing warnings described in
14	clause (ii) to convey the urgency and sever-
15	ity of heat events and achieve behavior
16	changes that reduce the mortality and
17	morbidity of extreme heat effects, without
18	creating warning fatigue or confusion with
19	other types of weather disaster warnings;
20	(iv) understanding compound and cas-
21	cading risks, and implementing alternative
22	heat-health risk reduction interventions to
23	manage those risks collectively, such as re-
24	ducing risk of the transmission of infec-
25	tious diseases during heat waves by cre-

1	ating outdoor cooling locations or increas-
2	ing ventilation and filtration in indoor cool-
3	ing centers;
4	(v) promoting community resilience to
5	heat events and incorporating principles of
6	environmental justice in community re-
7	sponse to heat waves;
8	(vi) addressing the impacts of extreme
9	heat on energy cost and availability; and
10	(vii) establishing labor and other
11	standards for workers and heat;
12	(D) consider such other subjects as the
13	Committee considers appropriate, which may in-
14	clude—
15	(i) the feasibility of enhancing existing
16	nationwide data collection on heat-related
17	illnesses and mortalities to improve and
18	ensure consistent collection of national-
19	level heat illness data across all 50 States,
20	territories, and local jurisdictions of the
21	United States;
22	(ii) mechanisms for financing heat
23	preparedness; and
24	(iii) the effectiveness of county- or
25	local-level heat awareness and communica-

1	tion tools, preparedness plans, or mitiga-
2	tion.
3	(4) Development of Definitions.—In con-
4	ducting the study required by paragraph (1), the Di-
5	rector shall work with heat and health experts to
6	identify consistent and agreed upon definitions for
7	heat events, heat waves, and other relevant terms.
8	(b) Report.—Not later than 90 days after com-
9	pleting the study required by subsection (a)(1), the Com-
10	mittee shall—
11	(1) make available to the public on an internet
12	website of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
13	Administration a report on the findings and conclu-
14	sions of the study; and
15	(2) submit the report to—
16	(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
17	and Transportation of the Senate;
18	(B) the Committee on Health, Education,
19	Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;
20	(C) the Committee on Science, Space, and
21	Technology of the House of Representatives;
22	(D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
23	merce of the House of Representatives; and
24	(E) the Committee on Education and
25	Labor of the House of Representatives.

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1	SEC.	7.	FINANCIAL	ASSISTANCE	FOR	RESILIENCE	IN	AD-

- 2 DRESSING EXTREME HEAT AND HEALTH
- 3 RISKS.

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- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—
- 5 (1) Establishment.—Not later than 1 year 6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-7 rector of the National Integrated Heat Health Infor-8 mation System Program may, in coordination with 9 the National Integrated Heat Health Information 10 System Interagency Committee, establish and ad-11 minister a community heat resilience program to 12 provide financial assistance to eligible entities to 13 carry out projects described in subsection (e) to 14 ameliorate human health impacts of extreme heat 15 events.
 - (2) REVISION.—Upon completion of the strategic plan required by section 4(e)(1), the Committee may revise the community heat resilience program to ensure the program aligns with the strategic plan and is administered in accordance with the plan.
- 22 (b) Purpose.—The purpose of the financial assist-
- 23 ance provided under this section is to improve community
- 24 resilience to heat and heat-health impacts and further sci-
- 25 entific research to address adaptation gaps and priorities.

1	(c) Forms of Assistance.—Financial assistance
2	provided under this section may be in the form of con-
3	tracts, grants, or cooperative agreements.
4	(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Entities eligible to receive
5	financial assistance under this section to carry out
6	projects described in subsection (e) include—
7	(1) nonprofit entities;
8	(2) States;
9	(3) Tribes;
10	(4) local governments; and
11	(5) such other entities as the Director deter-
12	mines to be eligible.
13	(e) Eligible Projects.—Projects described in this
14	subsection include the following:
15	(1) Projects for cool roofs, cool pavements
16	urban forestry or tree plantings and maintenance,
17	the provision of shade, cooling centers, retrofitting
18	buildings for cooling, and acquisitions or upgrades of
19	filtration systems or high-efficiency air conditioning
20	systems.
21	(2) Training programs to support the develop-
22	ment and integration of education and training pro-
23	grams for identifying and addressing risks associ-
24	ated with climate change for vulnerable individuals.
25	(3) Projects—

1	(A) to expand public awareness of heat
2	risks;
3	(B) to communicate risks and warnings to
4	geographically, socially, and linguistically iso-
5	lated communities;
6	(C) to educate such communities about
7	how to respond to extreme heat events; and
8	(D) to further scientific research regarding
9	extreme heat events.
10	(4) Other projects that the Director determines
11	will achieve a significant reduction in heat exposure
12	or increased resilience to extreme heat events.
13	(f) Priorities.—In selecting eligible entities to re-
14	ceive financial assistance under this section, the Director
15	shall prioritize entities that will carry out projects that
16	provide benefits for historically disadvantaged commu-
17	nities and communities with significant heat disparities
18	associated with race, ethnicity, or income.
19	(g) Distribution of Assistance.—
20	(1) Environmental justice and low in-
21	COME COMMUNITIES.—Not less than 40 percent of
22	the amount of financial assistance provided under
23	this section in any fiscal year shall be provided to el-
24	igible entities to implement projects described in

27 1 subsection (e) in environmental justice communities 2 or low-income communities. 3 (2) Equitable distribution.—The Director 4 shall seek to equitably distribute financial assistance 5 provided under this section based on geographic lo-6 cation or such other factors as the Director deter-7 mines appropriate. 8 (h) Matching Requirement.— 9 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives fi-10 nancial assistance to carry out a project under this 11 section shall contribute, from non-Federal sources, 12 funds for the project in such amount as the Director 13 determines appropriate. 14 (2) WAIVER.—The Director may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) for an entity if the 15 16 Director determines that the entity does not have 17 adequate resources to meet the requirement. 18 (i) Reports.—The Committee shall require the Di-19 rector to submit to the Committee, on an annual basis, 20 a report on actions, outcomes, research needs, and data 21 gaps under this section. 22 SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. 23 (a) NATIONAL INTEGRATED HEAT HEALTH INFOR-MATION SYSTEM INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE; NATIONAL

INTEGRATED HEAT HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM PRO-

- 1 GRAM; STUDY ON EXTREME HEAT INFORMATION AND
- 2 Response.—There are authorized to be appropriated to
- 3 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to
- 4 carry out sections 4, 5, and 6, including for any adminis-
- 5 trative costs for the National Integrated Heat Health In-
- 6 formation System Interagency Committee and the Na-
- 7 tional Integrated Heat Health Information System Pro-
- 8 gram, the following:
- 9 (1) For fiscal year 2022, \$20,000,000.
- 10 (2) For fiscal year 2023, \$20,000,000.
- 11 (3) For fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.
- 12 (4) For fiscal year 2025, \$20,000,000.
- 13 (5) For fiscal year 2026, \$20,000,000.
- 14 (b) Financial Assistance for Resilience in Ad-
- 15 Dressing Extreme Heat and Health Risks.—There
- 16 are authorized to be appropriated to the National Oceanic
- 17 and Atmospheric Administration to carry out section 7 the
- 18 following:
- 19 (1) For fiscal year 2022, \$10,000,000.
- 20 (2) For fiscal year 2023, \$10,000,000.
- 21 (3) For fiscal year 2024, \$20,000,000.
- 22 (4) For fiscal year 2025, \$30,000,000.
- 23 (5) For fiscal year 2026, \$30,000,000.