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# S. 3306

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COONS, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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 “Making Investments  
5 in Curbing the Ruinous Output of Plastics Act of 2020”  
6 or the “MICRO Plastics Act of 2020”.

7 **SEC. 2. MICROPLASTICS PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-  
9 vironmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section  
10 as the “Administrator”) shall establish a pilot program

1 (referred to in this section as the “pilot program”) to test  
2 the efficacy and cost effectiveness of tools, technologies,  
3 and techniques—

4 (1) to remove microplastics from the environ-  
5 ment; and

6 (2) to prevent the release of microplastics into  
7 the environment.

8 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-  
9 gram, the Administrator shall include the testing of—

10 (1) natural infrastructure;

11 (2) green infrastructure (as defined in section  
12 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
13 U.S.C. 1362)); and

14 (3) mechanical removal systems (such as  
15 pumps) and filtration technologies.

16 (c) ELIGIBLE PILOT PROGRAM LOCATIONS.—In car-  
17 rying out the pilot program, the Administrator may carry  
18 out projects located in—

19 (1) stormwater systems;

20 (2) wastewater treatment facilities;

21 (3) drinking water systems; and

22 (4) ports, harbors, inland waterways, estuaries,  
23 and marine environments.

1       (d) OUTREACH.—In determining selection criteria  
2 and projects to carry out under the pilot program, the Ad-  
3 ministrator shall conduct outreach to—

4           (1) the Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating  
5 Committee established under section 5(a) of the Ma-  
6 rine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1954(a)); and

7           (2) stakeholders and experts in the applicable  
8 field, as determined by the Administrator.

9       (e) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
10 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit  
11 to Congress a report describing the outreach conducted  
12 under subsection (d).

13       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
14 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
15 essary to carry out this section.

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