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H. R. 3731

To require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. SIRES, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. WU, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. BACA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. OLVER, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PERRIELLO, Mr. TEAGUE, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Community College
5 Energy Training Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR**
2 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

3 (a) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—In this
4 Act, the term “community college” means an institution
5 of higher education, as defined in section 101(a) of the
6 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)),
7 that—

8 (1) provides a 2-year program of instruction for
9 which the institution awards an associate degree;
10 and

11 (2) primarily awards associate degrees.

12 (b) WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN SUS-
13 TAINABLE ENERGY.—From funds made available under
14 subsection (d), the Secretary of Energy, in coordination
15 with the Secretary of Labor, shall carry out a joint sus-
16 tainable energy workforce training and education pro-
17 gram. In carrying out the program, the Secretary of En-
18 ergy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall
19 award grants to community colleges to provide workforce
20 training and education in industries and practices such
21 as—

22 (1) alternative energy, including wind and solar
23 energy;

24 (2) energy efficient construction, retrofitting,
25 and design;

1 (3) sustainable energy technologies, including
2 chemical technology, nanotechnology, and electrical
3 technology;

4 (4) water and energy conservation;

5 (5) recycling and waste reduction; and

6 (6) sustainable agriculture and farming.

7 (c) AWARD CONSIDERATIONS.—Of the funds made
8 available under subsection (d) for a fiscal year, not less
9 than one-half of such funds shall be awarded to commu-
10 nity colleges with existing (as of the date of the award)
11 sustainability programs that lead to certificates or degrees
12 in 1 or more of the industries and practices described in
13 paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (b).

14 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through
17 2015.

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