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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

MAY 16, 2013

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Community College Energy Training Act of 2013''.

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

(a) WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY.—From funds made available under subsection (c), the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall carry out a joint sustainable energy workforce training and education program. In carrying out the program, the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall award grants to community colleges to provide workforce training and education in industries and practices such as—

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

(2) high-performance green building construction, design and redevelopment;

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

(4) water, energy and resource conservation;

(5) recycling and waste reduction; and

(6) sustainable agriculture and farming.

(b) AWARD CONSIDERATIONS.—Of the funds made available under subsection (c) for a fiscal year, not less than one-half of such funds shall be awarded to community colleges with existing (as of the date of the award)

sustainability programs that lead to certificates, credentials, or degrees in one or more of the industries and practices described in paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (a).

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term ''community college'' means an institution of higher education, as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), that—

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

(B) primarily awards associate degrees.

(2) HIGH-PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDING.—The term ''high-performance green building'' has the meaning given the term in section 401(13) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17061).

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