



FACT SHEET

Sample of Green Workforce Legislation

November 8, 2007

Green Jobs Act of 2007

(H.R. 2847, incorporated into H.R. 3221)

The Green Jobs Act would amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish an energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training program to be administered by the Department of Labor in coordination with the Department of Energy.

Sponsor: Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [CA-32] (introduced 6/25/2007)

Cosponsors (8):

Rep. Ellison, Keith [MN-5] - 7/12/2007

Rep. Frank, Barney [MA-4] - 7/26/2007

Rep. Inslee, Jay [WA-1] - 7/12/2007

Rep. Lee, Barbara [CA-9] - 7/12/2007

Rep. McNerney, Jerry [CA-11] - 6/25/2007

Rep. Smith, Adam [WA-9] - 7/26/2007

Rep. Tierney, John F. [MA-6] - 6/25/2007

Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [MD-4] - 7/12/2007

H.R. 3221 passed the House on August 4, 2007 by recorded vote: 241 - 172

Green Jobs Energy Amendment

(S.A. 1515 to S.A. 1502 to H.R. 6)

The Green Jobs Energy Amendment would amend Section 1101 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58) to establish an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Workforce Training Program to be administered by the Department of Labor in coordination with the Department of Energy.

Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [VT] (submitted 6/12/2007)

Cosponsors (4):

Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [NY] - 6/12/2007

Sen. Kerry, John F. [MA] - 6/12/2007

Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [DE] - 6/12/2007

Sen. Salazar, Ken [CO] - 6/12/2007

S.A. 1515 was agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent and passed the Senate as part of H.R. 6 on June 21, 2007.

National Endowment for Workforce Education in Renewables and Agriculture Act of 2007

(H.R. 872)

The NEW ERA Act of 2007 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make competitive grants to community colleges and advanced technology education centers partnering with community colleges to support the education and training of technicians in the fields of bioenergy and other agriculture-based, renewable energy resources, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1] (introduced 2/7/2007)

Cosponsors (5):

Rep. Hare, Phil [IL-17] - 3/28/2007

Rep. Kagen, Steve [WI-8] - 3/6/2007

Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [IL-3] - 2/16/2007

Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [TX-16] - 3/6/2007

Rep. Sutton, Betty [OH-13] - 3/29/2007

The NEW ERA Act of 2007 was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness on May 18, 2007.