H. R. 502

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Matsui (for herself and Mr. Dingell) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of 2011”.
SEC. 2. CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE FUND.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “clean energy technology” means a technology related to the production, use, transmission, storage, control, or conservation of energy that will contribute to a stabilization of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations through reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of energy-related emissions and—

(A) reduce the need for additional energy supplies by using existing energy supplies with greater efficiency or by transmitting, distributing, or transporting energy with greater effectiveness through the infrastructure of the United States; or

(B) diversify the sources of energy supply of the United States to strengthen energy security and to increase supplies with a favorable balance of environmental effects if the entire technology system is considered; and

(2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund, to be administered through the Inter-
national Trade Administration. The Secretary shall ad-
minister the Fund to promote policies that will reduce pro-
duction costs and encourage innovation, investment, and
productivity in the clean energy technology sector, and im-
plement a national clean energy technology export strat-
ey. The purpose of the Fund is to ensure that United
States clean energy technology firms, including clean en-
ergy technology parts suppliers and engineering and de-
sign firms, have the information and assistance they need
to be competitive and create clean energy technology sec-
tor jobs in the United States.

(c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, consistent with the
National Export Initiative, shall provide information,
tools, and other assistance to United States businesses to
promote clean energy technology manufacturing and facili-
tate the export of clean energy technology products and
services. Such assistance shall include—

(1) developing critical analysis of policies to re-
duce production costs and promote innovation, in-
vestment, and productivity in the clean energy tech-
nology sector;

(2) helping educate companies about how to tai-
lor their activities to specific markets with respect to
their product slate, financing, marketing, assembly,
and logistics;
(3) helping United States companies learn about the export process and export opportunities in foreign markets;

(4) helping United States companies to navigate foreign markets; and

(5) helping United States companies provide input regarding clean energy technology manufacturing and trade policy developments and trade promotion.

(d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress a report indicating how the funds provided under this section will be used to—

(A) focus on small and medium-sized United States businesses;

(B) encourage the creation and maintenance of the greatest number of clean energy technology jobs in the United States; and

(C) encourage the domestic production of clean energy technology products and services, including materials, components, equipment, parts, and supplies related in any way to the product or service.
(2) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Sec-
retary shall transmit to the Congress a report as-
sessing the extent to which the program established
under this section—

(A) has been successful in developing crit-
ical analysis of policies to reduce production
costs and promote innovation, investment, and
productivity in the clean energy technology sec-
tor;

(B) has been successful in increasing the
competitiveness of United States clean energy
technology firms in emerging markets;

(C) has been successful in assisting United
States businesses, specifically small and me-
dium-sized firms, with exporting clean energy
technology products and services;

(D) has been successful in creating jobs di-
rectly related to the clean energy technology
sector in the United States, including specific
information as to the nature, location, and du-
ration of those jobs and the methodology used
by the Secretary to compile such information;

(E) has been successful in helping United
States companies provide input regarding clean
energy technology manufacturing and trade policy developments and trade promotion; and

(F) should be continued.

(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—

(1) In general.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section $15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

(2) Limitation.—No assistance provided using funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be provided in the form of a monetary grant.