

In the Senate of the United States,

September 18, 2014.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 83) entitled “An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. STUDY OF ELECTRIC RATES IN THE INSULAR***

2 ***AREAS.***

3 *(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

4 *(1) COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN.—The term*

5 *“comprehensive energy plan” means a comprehensive*

6 *energy plan prepared and updated under subsections*

1 (c) and (e) of section 604 of the Act entitled “An Act
2 to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas
3 of the United States, and for other purposes”, ap-
4 proved December 24, 1980 (48 U.S.C. 1492).

5 (2) *ENERGY ACTION PLAN.*—The term “energy
6 action plan” means the plan required by subsection
7 (d).

8 (3) *FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.*—The term
9 “Freely Associated States” means the Federated
10 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Is-
11 lands, and the Republic of Palau.

12 (4) *INSULAR AREAS.*—The term “insular areas”
13 means American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
14 Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, and
15 the Virgin Islands.

16 (5) *SECRETARY.*—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (6) *TEAM.*—The term “team” means the team es-
19 tablished by the Secretary under subsection (b).

20 (b) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, within
22 the Empowering Insular Communities activity, establish a
23 team of technical, policy, and financial experts—

1 (1) *to develop an energy action plan addressing*
2 *the energy needs of each of the insular areas and*
3 *Freely Associated States; and*

4 (2) *to assist each of the insular areas and Freely*
5 *Associated States in implementing such plan.*

6 (c) *PARTICIPATION OF REGIONAL UTILITY ORGANIZA-*
7 *TIONS.—In establishing the team, the Secretary shall con-*
8 *sider including regional utility organizations.*

9 (d) *ENERGY ACTION PLAN.—In accordance with sub-*
10 *section (b), the energy action plan shall include—*

11 (1) *recommendations, based on the comprehen-*
12 *sive energy plan where applicable, to—*

13 (A) *reduce reliance and expenditures on fuel*
14 *shipped to the insular areas and Freely Associ-*
15 *ated States from ports outside the United States;*

16 (B) *develop and utilize domestic fuel energy*
17 *sources; and*

18 (C) *improve performance of energy infra-*
19 *structure and overall energy efficiency;*

20 (2) *a schedule for implementation of such rec-*
21 *ommendations and identification and prioritization*
22 *of specific projects;*

23 (3) *a financial and engineering plan for imple-*
24 *menting and sustaining projects; and*

1 (4) benchmarks for measuring progress toward
2 implementation.

3 (e) *REPORTS TO SECRETARY*.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date on which the Secretary establishes the team
5 and annually thereafter, the team shall submit to the Sec-
6 retary a report detailing progress made in fulfilling its
7 charge and in implementing the energy action plan.

8 (f) *ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS*.—Not later than
9 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives a
10 report submitted by the team under subsection (e), the Sec-
11 retary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
12 gress a summary of the report of the team.

13 (g) *APPROVAL OF SECRETARY REQUIRED*.—The en-
14 ergy action plan shall not be implemented until the Sec-
15 retary approves the energy action plan.

16 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSOLIDATED NATURAL**
17 **RESOURCES ACT.**

18 Section 6 of Public Law 94–241 (90 Stat. 263; 122
19 Stat. 854) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “December
21 31, 2014, except as provided in subsections (b) and
22 (d)” and inserting “December 31, 2019”; and

23 (2) in subsection (d)—

24 (A) in the third sentence of paragraph (2),
25 by striking “not to extend beyond December 31,

1 *2014, unless extended pursuant to paragraph 5*
2 *of this subsection” and inserting “‘ending on*
3 *December 31, 2019’”;*

4 *(B) by striking paragraph (5); and*

5 *(C) by redesignating paragraph (6) as*
6 *paragraph (5).*

Attest:

Secretary.

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AMENDMENT