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[Report No. 113-483]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SABLAN, and Ms. BORDALLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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. INSULAR AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED**
4 **STATES ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.**

5 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

6 (1) **COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN.**—The term
7 “comprehensive energy plan” means a comprehen-
8 sive energy plan prepared and updated under sub-
9 sections (e) and (e) of section 604 of the Act entitled
10 “An Act to authorize appropriations for certain in-
11 sular areas of the United States, and for other pur-
12 poses”, approved December 24, 1980 (48 U.S.C.
13 1492).

14 (2) **ENERGY ACTION PLAN.**—The term “energy
15 action plan” means the plan required by subsection
16 (d).

17 (3) **FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.**—The term
18 “Freely Associated States” means the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
20 Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

21 (4) **INSULAR AREAS.**—The term “insular areas”
22 means American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
23 Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of
24 Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

1 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (6) TEAM.—The term “team” means the team
4 established by the Secretary under subsection (b).

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
7 tablish a team of technical, policy, and financial experts—
8 (1) to develop an energy action plan addressing
9 the energy needs of each of the insular areas and
10 Freely Associated States; and

11 (2) to assist each of the insular areas and Free-
12 ly Associated States in implementing such plan.

13 (c) PARTICIPATION OF REGIONAL UTILITY ORGANI-
14 ZATIONS.—In establishing the team, the Secretary shall
15 consider including regional utility organizations.

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

18 (1) recommendations, based on the comprehen-
19 sive energy plan where applicable, to—

20 (A) reduce reliance and expenditures on
21 imported fossil fuels;

22 (B) develop indigenous, nonfossil fuel en-
23 ergy sources; and

24 (C) improve performance of energy infra-
25 structure and overall energy efficiency;

1 (2) a schedule for implementation of such recommendations and identification and prioritization
2 of specific projects;

4 (3) a financial and engineering plan for implementing and sustaining projects; and

6 (4) benchmarks for measuring progress toward
7 implementation.

8 (e) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the date on which the Secretary establishes the team
10 and annually thereafter, the team shall submit to the Secretary a report detailing progress made in fulfilling its
11 charge and in implementing the energy action plan.

13 (f) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
14 than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary re-
15 ceives a report submitted by the team under subsection
16 (e), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate commit-
17 tees of Congress a summary of the report of the team.

18 **SECTION 1. INSULAR AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED**

19 **STATES ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.**

20 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN.—The term
22 “comprehensive energy plan” means a comprehensive
23 energy plan prepared and updated under subsections
24 (c) and (e) of section 604 of the Act entitled “An Act
25 to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas

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18 (b) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after
19 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall estab-*
20 *lish a team of technical, policy, and financial experts—*

21 (1) *to develop energy action plans addressing the*
22 *immediate, near-term, and long-term energy and en-*
23 *vironmental needs of each of the insular areas and*
24 *Freely Associated States; and*

1 (2) to assist each of the insular areas and Freely
2 Associated States in implementing an energy action
3 plan.

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5 TIONS.—*In establishing the team, the Secretary shall con-*
6 *sider including regional utility organizations.*

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8 *section (b), the energy action plans shall include—*

9 (1) recommendations, based on the comprehen-
10 sive energy plan where applicable, to—

11 (A) promote access to affordable, reliable en-
12 ergy;

13 (B) develop indigenous, nonfossil fuel en-
14 ergy resources; and

15 (C) improve performance of energy infra-
16 structure and overall energy efficiency;

17 (2) a schedule for implementation of such rec-
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21 menting and sustaining projects; and

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25 *after the date on which the Secretary establishes the team*

1 and annually thereafter, the team shall submit to the Sec-
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3 charge and in implementing the energy action plans.

4 (f) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
5 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives a
6 report submitted by the team under subsection (e), the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
8 gress a summary of the report of the team.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill 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.”.

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