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# H. R. 3731

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. SIRES, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. WU, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. BACA, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. OLVER, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PERRIELLO, Mr. TEAGUE, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community College  
5 Energy Training Act of 2009”.

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

3 (a) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—In this  
4 Act, the term “community college” means an institution  
5 of higher education, as defined in section 101(a) of the  
6 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)),  
7 that—

- 8 (1) provides a 2-year program of instruction for  
9 which the institution awards an associate degree;  
10 and  
11 (2) primarily awards associate degrees.

12 (b) WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN SUS-  
13 TAINABLE ENERGY.—From funds made available under  
14 subsection (d), the Secretary of Energy, in coordination  
15 with the Secretary of Labor, shall carry out a joint sus-  
16 tainable energy workforce training and education pro-  
17 gram. In carrying out the program, the Secretary of En-  
18 ergy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall  
19 award grants to community colleges to provide workforce  
20 training and education in industries and practices such  
21 as—

- 22 (1) alternative energy, including wind and solar  
23 energy;  
24 (2) energy efficient construction, retrofitting,  
25 and design;

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

4           (4) water and energy conservation;

5           (5) recycling and waste reduction; and

6           (6) sustainable agriculture and farming.

7           (c) AWARD CONSIDERATIONS.—Of the funds made  
8           available under subsection (d) for a fiscal year, not less  
9           than one-half of such funds shall be awarded to commu-  
10          nity colleges with existing (as of the date of the award)  
11          sustainability programs that lead to certificates or degrees  
12          in 1 or more of the industries and practices described in  
13          paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (b).

14          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
15          authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
16          \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through  
17          2015.

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