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H. R. 2863

To amend the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to provide assistance to small businesses providing low-income individuals with green jobs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2013

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RANGEL, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Growing Responsible
5 Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Jobs Act of 2013” or the
6 “GREEN Jobs Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE.**

2 Section 108 of the Community Development Banking
3 and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4707)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(i) **SMALL BUSINESS GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE.**—

6 “(1) **ASSISTANCE.**—Financial assistance and
7 technical assistance made available under this sub-
8 title may be used by community development finan-
9 cial institutions to develop or support small busi-
10 nesses that provide low-income individuals located in
11 low-income communities with green jobs.

12 “(2) **LIMITATION.**—With respect to a particular
13 fiscal year, the Fund may not provide more than—

14 “(A) \$2,000,000 in financial assistance
15 under this subsection; and

16 “(B) \$100,000 in technical assistance
17 under this subsection.

18 “(3) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this sub-
19 section:

20 “(A) **GREEN JOBS.**—The term ‘green jobs’
21 means jobs that—

22 “(i) aim to protect or restore eco-
23 systems and biodiversity;

24 “(ii) reduce energy, materials, and
25 water consumption through high efficiency
26 strategies;

1 “(iii) reduce greenhouse gas emissions
2 and other pollutants;

3 “(iv) minimize or altogether avoid
4 generation of all forms of waste and pollu-
5 tion; or

6 “(v) increase the use of energy gen-
7 eration systems such as solar, fuel cells,
8 natural gas, and micro turbines.

9 “(B) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.—The
10 term ‘low-income community’ means a contig-
11 uous area—

12 “(i) located within—

13 “(I) a single county with a popu-
14 lation, as determined by the most re-
15 cent census data available, of—

16 “(aa) at least 4,000, if any
17 of the portion of the area is lo-
18 cated within a Metropolitan Area
19 with a population of 50,000; or

20 “(bb) a population of at
21 least 1,000, in any other case; or

22 “(II) an Indian reservation;

23 “(ii) at least 30 percent of the popu-
24 lation of which have incomes that are less
25 than the poverty threshold, as published by

1 the Bureau of the Census in the most re-
2 cent decennial census for which data is
3 available; and

4 “(iii) in which the unemployment rate
5 is at least 1.5 times greater than the na-
6 tional average, as determined by the Bu-
7 reau of Labor Statistics’ most recent data.

8 “(C) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term ‘small
9 business’ means a business that meets the cri-
10 teria for a small business concern established by
11 the Small Business Administration under sec-
12 tion 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
13 632(a)).”.

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