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To direct Federal departments or agencies to implement certain definitions for the terms affordable, reliable, and clean energy, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BALDERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Affordable, Reliable,
5 Clean Energy Security Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act:

8 (1) AFFORDABLE.—The term “affordable” with
9 respect to energy means a low cost method of pro-

1 ducing electricity, factoring in the full system cost of
2 each generation source.

3 (2) RELIABLE.—The term “reliable” with re-
4 spect to energy means a source of electricity that—

5 (A) except as required during a period of
6 routine maintenance or repairs, has an Effec-
7 tive Load Carrying Capability of 60 percent or
8 greater;

9 (B) is not subject to intermittent avail-
10 ability; and

11 (C) is not subject to routine weather that
12 impacts energy production.

13 (3) CLEAN.—The term “clean” with respect to
14 energy means any energy generated using—

15 (A) an energy source listed in section
16 203(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
17 U.S.C. 15852(b));

18 (B) a nuclear reactor; or

19 (C) the combustion of hydrocarbons, in ac-
20 cordance with the national ambient air quality
21 standards under title I of the Clean Air Act (42
22 U.S.C. 7401, et seq.), including any such en-
23 ergy that is generated using natural gas.

1 **SEC. 3. DIRECTING CERTAIN FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND**
2 **AGENCIES TO INCORPORATE DEFINITIONS**
3 **OF AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, AND CLEAN EN-**
4 **ERGY.**

5 (a) IDENTIFICATION REPORT.—Not later than 90
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of
8 the Interior and the Administrator of the Environmental
9 Protection Agency, shall submit to Congress a report that
10 identifies regulations, grants, guidance, and policies within
11 their respective departments or agencies relating to afford-
12 able energy, reliable energy, and clean energy.

13 (b) IDENTIFICATION REPORT PUBLICATION.—The
14 Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and
15 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
16 cy shall publish the report required by subsection (a) on
17 the respective public websites of the Department of En-
18 ergy, the Department of the Interior, and the Environ-
19 mental Protection Agency.

20 (c) DEFINITION ADOPTION.—Not later than 90 days
21 after the report required by subsection (a) is submitted
22 to Congress, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the
23 Interior, and the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
24 tection Agency shall update all regulations, grants, guid-
25 ance, and policies of their respective department or agency
26 relating to affordable energy, reliable energy, and clean

1 energy to incorporate the definitions in section 2 of this
2 Act.

3 (d) INCORPORATION REPORT.—Not later than 180
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the
6 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
7 shall each submit a report to Congress that identifies the
8 manner and extent to which each department or agency
9 has incorporated the definitions in this Act relating to af-
10 fordable energy, reliable energy, and clean energy into
11 their respective department or agency regulations, grants,
12 guidance, and policies.

13 (e) INCORPORATION REPORT PUBLICATION.—The
14 Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and
15 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
16 cy shall publish the reports required by subsection (d) on
17 the respective public websites of the Department of En-
18 ergy, the Department of the Interior, and the Environ-
19 mental Protection Agency.

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