

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4584

To authorize the Secretary of Labor to award grants for worker training, technology development, and applied research in the wind energy industry production and energy efficient construction, retrofitting, and design industries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “New Era Expansion
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW ERA RURAL WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Labor shall
3 establish a program to be known as the “New Era Rural
4 Workforce Training Program”, to award grants for work-
5 er training, technology development, and applied research
6 in the wind energy industry production and energy effi-
7 cient construction, retrofitting, and design industries.

8 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To receive a grant under this Act,
9 an entity shall—

10 (1) be a community college located in a rural
11 area and in existence on the date of the enactment
12 of this section, that participates in wind energy
13 workforce development, wind energy research, or en-
14 ergy efficient construction, retrofitting, or design
15 workforce development;

16 (2) have a proven record of development and
17 implementation of programs to meet the needs of
18 students, educators, and business and industry to
19 supply the wind energy field or energy efficient con-
20 struction field with certified technicians, as deter-
21 mined by the Secretary; and

22 (3) have the ability to leverage existing partner-
23 ships and occupational outreach and training pro-
24 grams for secondary schools, 4-year institutions, and
25 relevant nonprofit organizations.

1 (c) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—In this
2 Act, the term “community college” means an institution
3 of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the High-
4 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that—

5 (1) admits as regular students individuals who
6 are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance
7 in the State in which the institution is located;

8 (2) does not provide an educational program for
9 which the institution awards a bachelor’s degree or
10 an equivalent degree; and

11 (3)(A) provides an educational program of not
12 less than 2 years that is acceptable for full credit to-
13 ward such a degree; or

14 (B) offers a 2-year program in engineering,
15 technology, mathematics, applied sciences, renewable
16 energy systems or wind turbine repair, or offers
17 green building professional certification and train-
18 ing, designed to prepare a student to work as a tech-
19 nician or at the semiprofessional level in engineering,
20 scientific, or other technological fields requiring the
21 understanding and application of basic engineering,
22 scientific, or mathematical principles of knowledge.

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act

- 1 such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2010
- 2 through 2014.

