

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 695

To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to reduce the matching requirement for participants in the Hollings Manufacturing Partnership Program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2009

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP**  
4               **PROGRAM.**

5       Section 25(c) of the National Institute of Standards  
6       and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(c)) is amended—

7               (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “except as  
8       specifically authorized by law” before the period at  
9       the end;

1           (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “not less  
2           than 50 percent of the costs incurred for the first  
3           3 years and an increasing share for each of the last  
4           3 years” and inserting “50 percent of the costs in-  
5           curred or such lesser percentage of the costs in-  
6           curred as determined by the Secretary, by rule, and  
7           authorized by law”; and

8           (3) in paragraph (5)—

9           (A) by striking “at declining levels”; and

10          (B) by striking “Funding received for a  
11          fiscal year under this section shall not exceed  
12          one third” and inserting “Except as provided  
13          under paragraph (3)(B), funding received for a  
14          fiscal year under this section after the sixth  
15          year of operation shall not exceed 50 percent”.

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