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To require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 20, 2009

Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

# 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".

# 1SEC. 2. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR2COMMUNITY 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
9 for which the institution awards an associate degree;
10 and

11 (2) primarily awards associate degrees.

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

(1) alternative energy, including wind and solarenergy;

24 (2) energy efficient construction, retrofitting,25 and design;

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

(4) water and energy conservation; 5 (5) recycling and waste reduction; and

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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 community colleges with existing (as of the date of the award) 10 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 2015.17

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