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H. R. 83

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SABLAN, and Ms. BORDALLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. INSULAR AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED**
4 **STATES ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN.—The term
7 “comprehensive energy plan” means a comprehen-
8 sive energy plan prepared and updated under sub-
9 sections (c) and (e) of section 604 of the Act entitled
10 “An Act to authorize appropriations for certain in-
11 sular areas of the United States, and for other pur-
12 poses”, approved December 24, 1980 (48 U.S.C.
13 1492).

14 (2) ENERGY ACTION PLAN.—The term “energy
15 action plan” means the plan required by subsection
16 (d).

17 (3) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term
18 “Freely Associated States” means the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
20 Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

21 (4) INSULAR AREAS.—The term “insular areas”
22 means American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
23 Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of
24 Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

1 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (6) TEAM.—The term “team” means the team
4 established by the Secretary under subsection (b).

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
7 tablish a team of technical, policy, and financial experts—
8 (1) to develop energy action plans addressing
9 the immediate, near-term, and long-term energy and
10 environmental needs of each of the insular areas and
11 Freely Associated States; and

12 (2) to assist each of the insular areas and Free-
13 ly Associated States in implementing an energy ac-
14 tion plan.

15 (c) PARTICIPATION OF REGIONAL UTILITY ORGANI-
16 ZATIONS.—In establishing the team, the Secretary shall
17 consider including regional utility organizations.

18 (d) ENERGY ACTION PLANS.—In accordance with
19 subsection (b), the energy action plans shall include—

20 (1) recommendations, based on the comprehen-
21 sive energy plan where applicable, to—

22 (A) promote access to affordable, reliable
23 energy;

24 (B) develop indigenous, nonfossil fuel en-
25 ergy resources; and

1 (C) improve performance of energy infra-
2 structure and overall energy efficiency;

3 (2) a schedule for implementation of such rec-
4 ommendations and identification and prioritization
5 of specific projects;

6 (3) a financial and engineering plan for imple-
7 menting and sustaining projects; and

8 (4) benchmarks for measuring progress toward
9 implementation.

10 (e) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—Not later than 1 year
11 after the date on which the Secretary establishes the team
12 and annually thereafter, the team shall submit to the Sec-
13 retary a report detailing progress made in fulfilling its
14 charge and in implementing the energy action plans.

15 (f) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
16 than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary re-
17 ceives a report submitted by the team under subsection
18 (e), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate commit-
19 tees of Congress a summary of the report of the team.