

HR 2385

To require the Secretary of Energy to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of action plans aimed at reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

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Requires the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to: (1) reduce reliance and expenditures on imported fossil fuels; (2) increase the use of indigenous, nonfossil fuel energy sources; (3) improve the performance of energy infrastructure through projects to improve the energy efficiency of power generation, transmission, and distribution and increase consumer energy efficiency; (4) improve the performance of energy infrastructure through enhanced planning, education, and training; (5) adopt research-based and public-private partnership-based approaches; (6) stimulate economic development and job creation; and (7) enhance the engagement by the federal government in international efforts to address such energy needs.

Requires the team to provide assistance to each utility of each island and to each island's government to develop and implement an energy Action Plan to reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels through increased efficiency and use of indigenous clean-energy resources. Requires the Secretary to consider including regional utility organizations in the establishment of the team and providing assistance through regional utility organizations.

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