

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1590

To establish a clean energy technology business competition grant program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2009

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

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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. CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS COM-**  
4 **PETITION GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred  
6 to in this section as the “Secretary”) may provide grants  
7 to organizations to conduct business competitions that  
8 provide incentives, training, and mentorship to entre-  
9 preneurs and early stage start-up companies throughout  
10 the United States to meet high priority economic, environ-  
11 mental, and energy security goals in areas including en-

1 ergy efficiency, renewable energy, air quality, water qual-  
2 ity and conservation, transportation, smart grid, green  
3 buildings, and waste management.

4 (b) PURPOSES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The competitions described  
6 in subsection (a) shall have the purposes of—

7 (A) accelerating the development and de-  
8 ployment of clean energy technology businesses  
9 and green jobs;

10 (B) stimulating green economic develop-  
11 ment;

12 (C) providing business training and men-  
13 toring to early stage clean energy technology  
14 companies; and

15 (D) strengthening the competitiveness of  
16 United States clean energy technology industry  
17 in world trade markets.

18 (2) PRIORITY.—Priority shall be given to busi-  
19 ness competitions that—

20 (A) are led by the private sector;

21 (B) encourage regional and interregional  
22 cooperation; and

23 (C) can demonstrate the creation of cost-  
24 effective green jobs through an annual publica-

1           tion of competition activities and directory of  
2           companies.

3       (c) ELIGIBILITY.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant  
5       under this section, an organization shall be—

6           (A) an organization described in section  
7           501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
8           and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that  
9           Code; or

10          (B) any sponsored entity of an organiza-  
11       tion described in subparagraph (A) that is oper-  
12       ated as a nonprofit entity.

13          (2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this  
14       section, the Secretary shall give priority to organiza-  
15       tions that can demonstrate broad funding support  
16       from private and other non-Federal funding sources  
17       to leverage Federal investment.

18       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
19       authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
20       \$50,000,000.

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