

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Page 9, after the item relating to section 12606, insert the following:

Sec. 12607. Study on equitable distribution of benefits of clean energy.

At the end of subtitle F of Title XII, insert the following:

1 SEC. 12607. STUDY ON EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF BENE-
2 FITS OF CLEAN ENERGY.

3 (a) FRONTLINE COMMUNITY.—In this section, the
4 term “frontline community” means a community with sig-
5 nificant representation of communities of color, low-in-
6 come communities, or Tribal and indigenous communities,
7 that experiences, or is at risk of experiencing, higher or
8 more adverse human health or environmental effects.

9 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
10 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall
11 enter into an agreement with the National Academies of
12 Science, Engineering, and Medicine to undertake a study
13 on technical and non-technical barriers to and solutions
14 for ensuring equitable distribution of the benefits associ-

1 ated with clean energy in frontline communities across all
2 sectors of the economy, and in particular the role of the
3 Department of Energy in assessing and mitigating such
4 barriers. The study shall—

5 (1) assess the state of research on the equitable
6 distribution of the benefits of clean energy including
7 workforce development and job creation;

8 (2) assess the progress in implementing pro-
9 grams and policies that result in increased adoption
10 of clean energy technologies in frontline commu-
11 nities;

12 (3) identify barriers as well as potential incen-
13 tives and mechanisms to achieving the equitable dis-
14 tribution of the benefits associated with clean energy
15 in frontline communities, including through the con-
16 sideration of social, behavioral, regulatory, policy,
17 market, and technology aspects, and considerations
18 of the characteristics of individual communities,
19 such as geographical location, average income, and
20 racial-ethnic composition; and

21 (4) recommend research areas for the Depart-
22 ment of Energy to make progress towards ensuring
23 equitable distribution of the benefits associated with
24 clean energy in frontline communities.

