

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. HUFFMAN OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end of title X of division H the following:

1 **SEC. _____ . EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE**
2 **THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OF**
3 **HIGHLY SKILLED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,**
4 **ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (“STEM”)**
5 **PROFESSIONALS IN OCEAN RESEARCH AND**
6 **DEVELOPMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
8 expand opportunities to increase the number and the di-
9 versity, equity, and inclusion of highly skilled science,
10 technology, engineering, and mathematics (“STEM”) pro-
11 fessionals working in National Oceanic and Atmospheric
12 Administration mission-relevant disciplines and broaden
13 the recruitment pool to increase diversity, including ex-
14 panded partnerships with minority-serving institutions,
15 historically black colleges and universities, tribal colleges
16 and universities, non-research universities, two-year tech-
17 nical degrees, and scientific societies.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF INDEPENDENT ORGANIZA-
19 TION.—The Secretary shall authorize a nonpartisan and

1 independent 501(c)(3) organization to build the public-pri-
2 vate partnerships necessary to achieve these priorities.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
5 term “minority-serving institution” includes the en-
6 tities described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of sec-
7 tion 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

9 (2) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNI-
10 VERSITIES.—The term “Historically Black Colleges
11 and Universities” has the meaning given the term
12 “part B institution” in section 322 of the Higher
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

14 (3) TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—
15 The term “Tribal College or University” has the
16 meaning given such term in section 316 of the High-
17 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e).

