

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE**

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**OFFERED BY MR. MCKINLEY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Page 1131, after line 14, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5119. APPALACHIAN REGIONAL ENERGY HUB.**

2 (a) APPALACHIAN REGIONAL ENERGY HUB INITIA-  
3 TIVE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 145  
5 of subtitle IV of title 40, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“§ 14511. Appalachian regional energy hub initiative**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Appalachian Regional Com-  
9 mission may provide technical assistance to, make grants  
10 to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide amounts  
11 to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for  
12 projects and activities—

13 “(1) to conduct research and analysis regarding  
14 the economic impact of an ethane storage hub in the  
15 Appalachian region that supports a more-effective  
16 energy market performance due to the scale of the  
17 project, such as a project with the capacity to store  
18 and distribute more than 100,000 barrels per day of

1 hydrocarbon feedstock with a minimum gross heat-  
2 ing value of 1,700 Btu per standard cubic foot;

3 “(2) with the potential to significantly con-  
4 tribute to the economic resilience of the area in  
5 which the project is located; and

6 “(3) that will help establish a regional energy  
7 hub in the Appalachian region for natural gas and  
8 natural gas liquids, including hydrogen produced  
9 from the steam methane reforming of natural gas  
10 feedstocks.

11 “(b) LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Of the  
12 cost of any activity eligible for a grant under this sec-  
13 tion—

14 “(1) except as provided in paragraphs (2) and  
15 (3), not more than 50 percent may be provided from  
16 amounts made available to carry out this section;

17 “(2) in the case of a project to be carried out  
18 in a county for which a distressed county designa-  
19 tion is in effect under section 14526, not more than  
20 80 percent may be provided from amounts made  
21 available to carry out this section; and

22 “(3) in the case of a project to be carried out  
23 in a county for which an at-risk county designation  
24 is in effect under section 14526, not more than 70

1           percent may be provided from amounts made avail-  
2           able to carry out this section.

3           “(c) SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to sub-  
4 section (b), a grant provided under this section may be  
5 provided from amounts made available to carry out this  
6 section, in combination with amounts made available—

7                   “(1) under any other Federal program; or

8                   “(2) from any other source.

9           “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any provi-  
10 sion of law limiting the Federal share under any other  
11 Federal program, amounts made available to carry out  
12 this section may be used to increase that Federal share,  
13 as the Appalachian Regional Commission determines to be  
14 appropriate.”.

15           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
16 subchapter I of chapter 145 of title 40, United  
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
18 following:

“14511. Appalachian regional energy hub initiative.”.

19           (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
20 14703 of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

21                   (1) in subsection (a)—

22                           (A) in paragraph (4) by striking “and” at  
23 the end;

24                           (B) in paragraph (5) by striking the period  
25 and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(6) \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022  
3 through 2026.”;

4 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$10,000,000  
5 may be used to carry out section 14509 for each of  
6 fiscal years 2016 through 2021” and inserting  
7 “\$20,000,000 may be used to carry out section  
8 14509 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”;

9 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
10 subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

11 (4) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(d) APPALACHIAN REGIONAL ENERGY HUB INITIA-  
14 TIVE.—Of the amounts made available under subsection  
15 (a), \$5,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 14511  
16 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

17 (e) TERMINATION.—Section 14704 of title 40, United  
18 States Code, is amended by striking “2021” and inserting  
19 “2026”.

