

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2454**  
**OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO**

Page 955, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 423. DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION AND RE-**  
2 **SOURCES CLEARINGHOUSE FOR VOCA-**  
3 **TIONAL EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING IN**  
4 **RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTORS.**

5 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—Not later  
6 than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
7 the Secretary of Labor, in collaboration with the Secretary  
8 of Energy and the Secretary of Education, shall develop  
9 an internet based information and resources clearinghouse  
10 to aid career and technical education and job training pro-  
11 grams for the renewable energy sectors. In establishing  
12 the clearinghouse, the Secretary shall—

13 (1) collect and provide information that ad-  
14 dresses the consequences of rapid changes in tech-  
15 nology and regional disparities for renewable energy  
16 training programs and provides best practices for  
17 training and education in light of such changes and  
18 disparities;

19 (2) place an emphasis on facilitating collabora-  
20 tion between the renewable energy industry and job

1 training programs and on identifying industry and  
2 technological trends and best practices, to better  
3 help job training programs maintain quality and rel-  
4 evance; and

5 (3) place an emphasis on assisting programs  
6 that cater to high-demand middle-skill, trades, man-  
7 ufacturing, contracting, and consulting careers.

8 (b) SOLICITATION AND CONSULTATION.—In devel-  
9 oping the clearinghouse pursuant to subsection (a), the  
10 Secretary shall solicit information and expertise from busi-  
11 nesses and organizations in the renewable energy sector  
12 and from institutions of higher education, career and tech-  
13 nical schools, and community colleges that provide train-  
14 ing in the renewable energy sectors. The Secretary shall  
15 solicit a comprehensive peer review of the clearinghouse  
16 by such entities not less than once every 2 years. Nothing  
17 in this subsection should be interpreted to require the di-  
18 vulgence of proprietary or competitive information.

19 (c) CONTENTS OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—

20 (1) SEPARATE SECTION FOR EACH RENEWABLE  
21 ENERGY SECTOR.—The clearinghouse shall contain  
22 separate sections developed for each of the following  
23 renewable energy sectors:

24 (A) Solar energy systems.

25 (B) Wind energy systems.

1 (C) Energy transmission systems.

2 (D) Geothermal systems of energy and  
3 heating.

4 (E) Energy efficiency technical training.

5 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In addition  
6 to the information required in subsection (a), each  
7 section of the clearinghouse shall include information  
8 on basic environmental science and processes needed  
9 to understand renewable energy systems, Federal  
10 government and industry resources, and points of  
11 contact to aid institutions in the development of  
12 placement programs for apprenticeships and post  
13 graduation opportunities, and information and tips  
14 about a green workplace, energy efficiency, and rel-  
15 evant environmental topics and information on avail-  
16 able industry recognized certifications in each area.

17 (d) DISSEMINATION.—The clearinghouse shall be  
18 made available via the Internet to the general public. No-  
19 tice of the completed clearinghouse and any major revi-  
20 sions thereto shall also be provided—

21 (1) to each Member of Congress; and

22 (2) on the websites of the Departments of Edu-  
23 cation, Energy, and Labor.

1 (e) REVISION.—The Secretary of Labor shall revise  
2 and update the clearinghouse on a regular basis to ensure  
3 its relevance.

