



TOP 10 PIECES OF GREEN BUILDING LEGISLATION IN THE 111TH CONGRESS

- HOUSE -

PUBLIC LAW

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Spurred green jobs across the country with the most funding ever dedicated toward clean energy and energy efficiency projects in a stimulus package. Contained over \$80 billion in funds for clean energy, including over \$22 billion for energy efficiency programs. *Signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009*

HR 2454

The American Clean Energy and Security Act

Waxman (D-CA) and Markey (D-MA)

Spurs widespread modernization and renovation of existing building stock in America by establishing incentives for efficient building retrofits (the REEP Act introduced by Rep. Welch), incentivizes energy-efficient home mortgages and utilizes basic green building standards for public housing projects (the GREEN Act introduced by Rep. Perlmutter), improves building efficiency codes, establishes a building energy performance labeling program, creates a rebate program for water-efficient products and properties and moves the U.S. to a low-carbon future by setting targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions, renewable electricity use, and industrial efficiency.

Passed the House on Jun. 26, 2009

HR 2187

The 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act

Chandler (D-KY)

Authorizes \$6.4 billion annually in 2010 for critically needed K through 12 school modernization, renovation, and repair; and ensures the best learning environments for America's children by requiring 100% of funds be used to meet green building standards by 2015. *Passed the House on May 18, 2009*

HR 4226

The Expanding Building Efficiency Incentives Act of 2009

Reichert (R-WA)

Makes efficient homes and buildings more achievable by increasing and extending the new energy-efficient home tax credit and improving financial incentives for energy-efficient commercial buildings. Increases consumer energy awareness by establishing a tax credit for home energy ratings for the first time ever, and grows the green job market by providing financial assistance for home-performance auditor training and certification. *Introduced on Dec. 8, 2009*

HR 4155

The Property Assessed Clean Energy Tax Benefits Act

Sarbanes (D-MD)

Allows American home owners to finance cost-saving energy- and water-efficient retrofits with minimal upfront costs by enabling State and local property assessed clean energy (PACE) programs.

Introduced Nov. 19, 2009

HR 3836

An Act to Enhance Private Financing for Clean Energy Technology Deployment

Israel (D-NY)

Unlocks private financing for clean energy by authorizing government credit support for state, local, and private entities that enable building owners and users to significantly increase energy efficiency and generate on-site clean, renewable electricity.

Introduced Oct. 15, 2009

HR 4099

The Energy Efficiency Modernization Act of 2009

Kilroy (D-OH)

Improves the energy efficiency of federally assisted housing by an estimated 25 to 40 percent by enabling and incentivizing private affordable housing owners to finance efficiency and green building improvements, increasing the job market for energy retrofits.

Introduced on Nov. 18, 2009

HR 1908

The Water Accountability Tax Efficiency Reinvestment (WATER) Act

Coffman (R-CO)

Increases efficient use of freshwater resources and saves energy by creating a tax incentive of up to \$1,500 for purchase of WaterSense labeled products and property.

Introduced Apr. 2, 2009

The Livable Communities Act of 2010

Perlmutter (D-CO)

PENDING INTRODUCTION

Promotes the linkage of transportation, housing, and energy and resource use in American communities by establishing an Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities; funds the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities within HUD, and authorizes over \$4 billion in grants to incentivize integrated community planning and implementation of sustainable projects.

The Federal Personnel Training Act of 2010

Carnahan (D-MO)

PENDING INTRODUCTION

Ensures the effectiveness of federal high-performance green buildings and protects tax dollars by investing in the training of federal personnel to operate and maintain high-performance buildings at peak efficiency, and promotes federal leadership in defining core skill sets for green jobs that can be replicated in the private sector replication.



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- SENATE -

S. 1733

The Clean Energy and American Jobs Act

Kerry (D-MA) and Boxer (D-CA)

Spurs widespread modernization and renovation of existing building stock in America by establishing incentives for efficient building retrofits (the REEP Act introduced by Rep. Welch in the House), targets improvements in building efficiency codes, establishes a rebate program for water-efficient products and properties, and moves the U.S. to a low-carbon future by setting targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions, renewable electricity use, and industrial efficiency. *Reported out of committee on Nov. 5, 2009*

S. 1462

The American Clean Energy and Leadership Act

Bingaman (D-NM) and Murkowski (R-AK)

Increases the sustainability of the built environment by establishing an energy efficiency building retrofit incentive program and improving building efficiency codes, and creates a building energy information program for energy data disclosure. *Reported out of committee on Jul. 16, 2009*

S. 1379

Energy Efficiency in Housing Act (EEHA) of 2009

Whitehouse (D-RI)

Transforms and modernizes the U.S. housing market by incentivizing GSEs such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to use Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEMs) and Location Efficient Mortgages (LEMs); ensures that the benefits of green buildings are accessible to Americans of all income levels by utilizing standards for public housing projects, including green building standards for single-family or multifamily structures. *Introduced Jun. 25, 2009*

S. 1619

Livable Communities Act of 2009

Dodd (D-CT)

Promotes the linkage of transportation, housing, and energy and resource use in American communities by establishing an Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities; funds the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities within HUD, and authorizes over \$4 billion in grants to incentivize integrated community planning and implementation of sustainable projects. *Introduced Aug. 6, 2009*

S. 1637

The Expanding Building Efficiency Incentives Act of 2009

Snowe (R-ME)

Makes efficient homes and buildings more achievable by increasing and extending the new energy-efficient home tax credit and improving financial incentives for energy efficient commercial buildings. Increases consumer energy awareness by establishing a tax credit for home energy ratings for the first time ever, and grows the green job market by providing financial assistance for home-performance auditor training and certification. *Introduced Aug. 6, 2009*

S. 1121

The School Building Fairness Act

Harkin (D-IA)

Promotes green schools by directing \$6 billion dollars in competitive matching grants to local educational agencies across the country for school repair, renovation, and construction with prioritization for local agencies that will use green building standards. *Introduced on May 21, 2009*

S. 1574

Clean Energy for Homes and Buildings Act of 2009

Merkley (D-OR) and Lugar (R-IN)

Creates clean energy capital by funding a \$2 billion dollar Clean Energy for Homes and Buildings Program in the Department of Energy, which will make loan guarantees, financing, and credit support available to states and local governments for enabling energy-efficient home and building retrofits and on-site renewable energy production. *Introduced Aug. 4, 2009*

S. 2897

The Energy Efficiency Modernization Act of 2009

Bennet (D-CO)

Improves the energy efficiency of federally assisted housing by an estimated 25 to 40 percent by enabling and incentivizing private affordable housing owners to finance efficiency and green building improvements, increasing the job market for energy retrofits. *Introduced Dec. 17, 2009*

S. 1321

The Water Accountability Tax Efficiency Reinvestment (WATER) Act of 2009

M. Udall (D-CO)

Increases efficient use of freshwater resources and saves energy by creating a tax incentive of up to \$1,500 for purchase of WaterSense labeled products and property. *Introduced Jun. 23, 2009*

S. 1830

The Federal Agency Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2009

Collins (R-ME)

Promotes federal leadership in sustainability by directing federal agencies to collect data on building energy consumption and develop and implement policies for agencies to minimize energy use; authorizes a renewable power purchase agreement pilot program for federal agencies. *Introduced Dec. 16, 2009*