

H.4439 An Act Relative to a Just Transition to Clean Energy

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on Labor & Workforce Development*

ENSURES THAT GREEN JOBS ARE GOOD JOBS

Applies the state's prevailing wage laws to energy construction and infrastructure projects, reaching more than current public works

- Stabilizes the clean energy economy with high-quality, family-sustaining jobs
- Ensures energy construction and infrastructure projects are sufficiently staffed with highly qualified workers
- Creates an environment where unions can significantly scale up apprenticeship programs and provide more highly trained workers
- Positions contractors to receive 30-50% tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act

Ensures responsible contractors are selected for each project by requiring disclosure and certifications during the bidding process including:

- Plans to enhance workforce diversity, equity and inclusion, workforce development, apprentice utilization, and labor neutrality
- Certifications regarding compliance with state, federal, and local employment laws or posting of a wage bond

Supports neutrality agreements for renewable energy supply chain investments

PROTECTS & ASSISTS CURRENT ENERGY WORKERS

Establishes a Just Transition Office

- To provide training and employment opportunities to former and current energy workers who may be displaced

Creates a Just Transition Advisory Committee

- Tasked with developing comprehensive just transition plan for the energy sector and a workforce development plan that:
 - Expands training capacity including all state and federally certified apprenticeship, licensure, and degree programs
 - Sets goals for the utilization of the residual workforce in fossil-fuel intensive industries and environmental justice communities

Ensures labor representation on climate and clean energy decision making bodies



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