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H. R. 1670

To improve the implementation and oversight for the program under section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 for training and hiring requirements for public housing, Indian housing assistance, and housing and community development programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2013

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Raising Employment
5 in Affordable Communities and Homes Act of 2013” or
6 the “REACH Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECTION 3 ACTION PLANS.**

2 Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development
3 Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and
5 (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(e) ACTION PLANS.—

9 “(1) PUBLIC HOUSING AND INDIAN HOUSING
10 ASSISTANCE.—

11 “(A) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
13 vided in clause (ii), a public housing agen-
14 cy may not be provided any development
15 assistance pursuant to section 5 of the
16 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
17 U.S.C. 1437c), or assistance from the Op-
18 erating Fund or Capital Fund under sec-
19 tion 9 of the United States Housing Act of
20 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g), for any fiscal
21 year unless the agency prepares an action
22 plan under this subsection that describes
23 activities to be carried out in accordance
24 subsections (c) and (d) of this section dur-
25 ing such fiscal year.

1 “(ii) INAPPLICABILITY TO QUALIFIED
2 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.—Clause (i)
3 shall not apply to any qualified public
4 housing agency, as such term is defined in
5 section 5A(b)(3)(C) of the United States
6 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-
7 1(b)(3)(C)).

8 “(B) INDIAN TRIBES.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
10 vided in clause (ii), an Indian tribe or trib-
11 ally designated housing entity (as such
12 terms are defined in section 4 of the Na-
13 tive American Housing Assistance and
14 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
15 4103)) may not be provided any grant
16 amounts under such Act for any program
17 year unless the tribe or entity prepares an
18 action plan under this subsection that de-
19 scribes activities to be carried out in ac-
20 cordance subsections (c) and (d) of this
21 section during such fiscal year.

22 “(ii) INAPPLICABILITY.—Clause (i)
23 shall not apply to any recipient of grant
24 amounts under the Native American Hous-

1 ing Assistance and Self-Determination Act
2 of 1996 for which the sum of—

3 “(I) the number of affordable
4 housing dwelling units administered
5 by such recipient and assisted with
6 such grant amounts, and

7 “(II) the number of households
8 provided tenant-based rental assist-
9 ance with such grant amounts by such
10 recipient,

11 is 550 or fewer.

12 “(C) INCORPORATION IN ANNUAL PLAN.—

13 Such an action plan for a year shall be incor-
14 porated—

15 “(i) in the case of a public housing
16 agency, in the annual plan under section
17 5A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1437e-1) for
18 the agency for such fiscal year; and

19 “(ii) in the case of an Indian tribe or
20 tribally designated housing entity, the In-
21 dian housing plan under section 102 of the
22 Native American Housing Assistance and
23 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.
24 4112) for the tribe for the program year.

1 “(D) RETROACTIVE FUNDING.—Funds
2 may be provided to any public housing agency,
3 and to any Indian tribe or tribally designated
4 housing entity, retroactively upon the develop-
5 ment and inclusion of an action plan under this
6 subsection in an agency’s annual plan, or the
7 tribe’s or tribally designated housing entity’s
8 Indian housing plan, respectively.

9 “(2) OTHER PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall
10 require that each application for housing and com-
11 munity development assistance in an amount exceed-
12 ing \$200,000 shall include an action plan under this
13 subsection that describes activities to be carried out
14 in accordance subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

15 “(3) CONTENT.—An action plan under this
16 subsection for a public housing agency, for an In-
17 dian tribe or tribally designated housing entity, or
18 for a recipient of housing and community develop-
19 ment assistance, shall specify the agency’s, tribe’s or
20 entity’s, or recipient’s—

21 “(A) intended outreach efforts under this
22 section within the community;

23 “(B) planned training programs;

24 “(C) relevant employment opportunities
25 under this section; and

1 “(D) timeline for planned implementation
2 under this section.

3 “(4) OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary shall take
4 such actions as may be necessary to review the im-
5 plementation of annual action plans under this sub-
6 section.

7 “(5) PENALTIES.—The Secretary may establish
8 and impose penalties for public housing agencies, In-
9 dian tribes and tribally designated housing entities,
10 recipients of housing and community development
11 assistance that do not comply with their action plans
12 to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Such penalties
13 may include—

14 “(A) in the case of a public housing agen-
15 cy, or tribe or tribally designated housing enti-
16 ty, withholding of assistance from the Depart-
17 ment until compliance is achieved; and

18 “(B) in the case of recipients of housing
19 and community development assistance—

20 “(i) enforcement actions through the
21 Departmental Enforcement Center of the
22 Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
23 opment;

24 “(ii) withholding future assistance
25 payments;

1 “(iii) a flag in the Active Partners
2 Performance System; and

3 “(iv) rejection of any further applica-
4 tions for assistance from the Department
5 until compliance is achieved.

6 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—

7 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
8 as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendment under section 2 shall take effect
11 upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

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