

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2008

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2147

Introduced by Assembly Member Swanson

February 20, 2008

An act to add Division 8 (commencing with Section 15000) to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to worker training programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2147, as amended, Swanson. Worker training programs.

Existing law creates various programs designed to train workers in specified ~~emerging~~ industries.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing an energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training program targeted at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated individuals~~ *establish the Green Jobs Corps Act of 2008 to provide financial assistance to energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training programs for individuals, including at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated individuals, seeking employment pathways out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency. This bill would establish the Green Jobs Corps Grant Program, which would be administered by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for purposes of awarding grants to community-based organizations, local agencies, and service providers, or partnerships of those entities, to establish and operate energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training programs for those individuals, as provided.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Division 8 (commencing with Section 15000) is*
2 *added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:*

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DIVISION 8. GREEN JOBS CORPS ACT OF 2008

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*15000. This division shall be known and may be cited as the
“Green Jobs Corps Act of 2008.” The purpose of this division is
to provide financial assistance to energy efficiency and renewable
energy worker training programs for individuals, including at-risk
youth and formerly incarcerated individuals, seeking employment
pathways out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency.*

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*15002. The Green Jobs Corps Grant Program, which is hereby
established, shall be administered by the Labor and Workforce
Development Agency. The agency shall do all of the following:*

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*(a) Develop application criteria and procedures for the
awarding of Green Jobs Corps grants pursuant to this division.*

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*(b) Award grants to community-based organizations, local
agencies, and service providers, or partnerships of those entities,
to establish and operate energy efficiency and renewable energy
worker training programs for the individuals specified in Section
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(c) Evaluate the effectiveness of the funded programs.
*(d) Report biennially to the Governor and Legislature on the
results of the grant program.*

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*15003. (a) Green Jobs Corps grants shall be awarded by the
Labor and Workforce Development Agency on a competitive basis
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providers working in collaboration to fulfill the purposes of this
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*(1) Grants shall be awarded to community-based organizations,
local agencies, and service providers that have demonstrated all
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*(A) A readiness to begin operation of a program or to expand
an existing program.*

*(B) Ties to employers in the energy efficiency and renewable
energy industries or other high-growth industries that contribute
measurably to greenhouse gas emissions reductions.*

1 (C) *The ability to place trainees with stable, long-term*
2 *employment.*

3 (2) *Grants shall be awarded in an amount not exceeding five*
4 *hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).*

5 (3) *Grants shall be funded from either federal and state*
6 *workforce development and job training funds, to the extent*
7 *authorized by the federal Workforce Investment Act (29 U.S.C.*
8 *Sec. 30), or from funds from the Department of Corrections and*
9 *Rehabilitation allocated for rehabilitation and treatment of prison*
10 *inmates and parolees, or both.*

11 (4) *Grants under this division shall be awarded only to the*
12 *extent funds are available, and only upon appropriation of those*
13 *funds by the Legislature. Grants shall be used to supplement, and*
14 *not supplant, existing programs.*

15 (b) *Except as otherwise provided, all grants awarded under this*
16 *division shall be matched by the community-based organization,*
17 *local agency, service provider, or its program partners with one*
18 *dollar (\$1) for each four dollars (\$4) in grant money awarded.*
19 *The match shall be contributed in cash or as services or resources*
20 *of comparable value. It is the intent of the Legislature that grant*
21 *recipients seek and utilize additional outside funding for this*
22 *purpose. The Labor and Workforce Development Agency may*
23 *waive the match requirement upon verification that the*
24 *community-based organization, local agency, or service provider*
25 *made a substantial effort to secure funds in satisfaction of this*
26 *subdivision, but was unable to secure the required match amount.*

27 (c) *Grants shall be awarded only to community-based*
28 *organizations, local agencies, and service providers in urban,*
29 *suburban, and rural areas of northern, central, and southern*
30 *California.*

31 (d) *Grants shall be awarded only to applicants that demonstrate*
32 *the greatest need and meet the program requirements specified in*
33 *this division. The Labor and Workforce Development Agency shall*
34 *consider demographic data, including unemployment rates and*
35 *recidivism rates, for the intended target population and the*
36 *geographic location of the program in determining need.*

37 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
38 ~~legislation establishing an energy efficiency and renewable energy~~
39 ~~worker training program, specifically targeted at individuals,~~
40 ~~including at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated individuals,~~

- 1 ~~seeking employment pathways out of poverty and into economic~~
- 2 ~~self-sufficiency.~~

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