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Senator Berman moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Between lines 551 and 552

insert:

(m) Consider the growing impact of consumers choosing to transition to clean renewable energy resources on the industries regulated under this chapter, and act to preserve the positive impact the workforce of a transition-impacted industry has on the economy of this state and local communities.

1. Such actions must include identifying and supporting transition activities that are not addressed by existing



12 resources and making recommendations for new programs as
13 necessary, including, but not limited to:

14 a. Programs to support transition workers with supplemental
15 income, health care benefits, and retirement benefits and
16 programs that provide transition workers with access to
17 education and training opportunities; and

18 b. Programs to support transition communities.

19 2. As used in this paragraph, the term:

20 a. "Transition activities" means activities to avoid the
21 suffering of economic harm. The term includes, but is not
22 limited to, the following activities:

23 (I) Educating transition workers regarding various programs
24 available to them;

25 (II) Replacing lost income, bridging gaps in income, and
26 providing benefits for transition workers;

27 (III) Services for transition workers, such as education,
28 training, career counseling, skills-matching, maintaining
29 employment with current employers or reemployment services, and
30 financial planning assistance;

31 (IV) Replacing lost tax base revenue for transition
32 communities; and

33 (V) Promoting the hiring of transition workers and the
34 creation of jobs in transition communities which provide
35 comparable or higher wages and benefits to jobs in transition-
36 impacted industries.

37 b. "Transition communities" means municipalities, counties,
38 or regions that demonstrate they will be impacted between July
39 1, 2024, and January 1, 2035, by the loss of 50 or more jobs in
40 a transition-impacted industry.



41 c. "Transition-impacted industry" means an industry
42 impacted by transition to clean renewable energy resources,
43 including industries with all of the following workers:

44 (I) Fossil fuel energy workers who have employment tied to
45 the generation, transportation, and refinement of fossil fuel;

46 (II) Internal combustion engine vehicle workers and workers
47 in the supply chain or repair services for internal combustion
48 engine vehicles;

49 (III) Workers in the building and construction trades; and

50 (IV) Any other affected workers.

51 d. "Transition worker" means a worker in this state who has
52 been laid off from employment in a transition-impacted industry
53 since January 1, 2023, or who is or will be laid off from
54 employment in a transition-impacted industry on or after July 1,
55 2024, and before January 1, 2035.