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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to alternative and renewable energy for purposes
2 of economic development.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 15.103, subsection 1, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (7), Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (7) Economics or alternative and renewable energy.

5 Sec. 2. Section 15E.61, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2005,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 The general assembly finds the following: Fundamental
8 changes have occurred in national and international financial
9 markets and in the financial markets of this state. A
10 critical shortage of seed and venture capital resources exists
11 in the state, and such shortage is impairing the growth of
12 commerce in the state. A need exists to increase the
13 availability of venture equity capital for emerging,
14 expanding, and restructuring enterprises in Iowa, including,
15 without limitation, enterprises in the life sciences, advanced
16 manufacturing, information technology, alternative and
17 renewable energy, and value-added agriculture areas. Such
18 investments will create jobs for Iowans and will help to
19 diversify the state's economic base.

20 Sec. 3. Section 15E.223, subsection 4, Code 2005, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 4. "Targeted industry business" means an existing or
23 proposed business entity, including an emerging small business
24 or qualified business which is operated for profit and which
25 has a primary business purpose of doing business in at least
26 one of the targeted industries designated by the department
27 which include life sciences, software and information
28 technology, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture,
29 alternative and renewable energy, and any other industry
30 designated as a targeted industry by the department.

31 Sec. 4. Section 15E.231, subsection 1, Code Supplement
32 2005, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

33 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Development of the alternative and
34 renewable energy sector.

35 Sec. 5. Section 15E.351, subsection 1, Code Supplement

1 2005, is amended to read as follows:

2 1. The department shall establish and administer a
3 business accelerator program to provide financial assistance
4 for the establishment and operation of a business accelerator
5 for technology-based, value-added agricultural, information
6 solutions, alternative and renewable energy, or advanced
7 manufacturing start-up businesses or for a satellite of an
8 existing business accelerator. The program shall be designed
9 to foster the accelerated growth of new and existing
10 businesses through the provision of technical assistance. The
11 department shall use moneys appropriated to the department
12 from the grow Iowa values fund pursuant to section 15G.111,
13 subsection 1, subject to the approval of the economic
14 development board, to provide financial assistance under this
15 section.

16 Sec. 6. Section 260C.18A, subsection 2, unnumbered
17 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Moneys deposited in the funds and disbursed to community
20 colleges for a fiscal year shall be expended for the following
21 purposes, provided seventy percent of the moneys shall be used
22 on projects in the areas of advanced manufacturing,
23 information technology and insurance, alternative and
24 renewable energy, and life sciences which include the areas of
25 biotechnology, health care technology, and nursing care
26 technology:

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill relates to alternative and renewable energy for
29 purposes of economic development.

30 Currently, members of the Iowa economic development board
31 represent certain areas of expertise, one of which is
32 economics. The bill provides that expertise in alternative
33 and renewable energy may be represented in lieu of the
34 economics area of expertise.

35 The bill adds alternative and renewable energy to lists of

1 targeted industries as they appear in the Code. Such lists
2 are included under the Iowa fund of funds, in the loan and
3 credit guarantee program, as a possibility for regional
4 development plans, under the business accelerator program, and
5 as part of the workforce training and economic development
6 funds.

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