

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2286

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to designate certain entities as centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2017

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Domestic Maritime  
5 Centers of Excellence Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DOMESTIC MARITIME CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of  
8 Transportation is authorized to designate community and

1 technical colleges with a maritime training program and  
2 maritime training centers operated by or under the super-  
3 vision of a State, if located in the United States along  
4 the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Arctic  
5 Ocean, Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, or Great Lakes, as  
6 centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce  
7 training and education.

8 (b) ASSISTANCE.—

9 (1) TYPES.—The Secretary may provide to an  
10 entity designated as a center of excellence under  
11 subsection (a)—

12 (A) technical assistance;

13 (B) surplus Federal equipment and assets;

14 and

15 (C) funding.

16 (2) PURPOSES.—The Secretary may provide as-  
17 sistance under paragraph (1)—

18 (A) to support a maritime workforce pro-  
19 gram; and

20 (B) to assist an entity designated as a cen-  
21 ter of excellence under subsection (a) to expand  
22 the capacity of the entity to train the domestic  
23 maritime workforce of the United States, in-  
24 cluding by—

25 (i) admitting additional students;

- 1 (ii) recruiting and training faculty;
- 2 (iii) expanding facilities;
- 3 (iv) creating new maritime career
- 4 pathways; and
- 5 (v) awarding students credit for prior
- 6 experience, including military service.

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