

# ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT COMPARISON CHART

	U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES <i>H.R. 1</i>	U.S. SENATE <i>S. 336</i>
ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	\$500 million	\$500 million
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	\$1.2 billion	\$1.2 billion
DISLOCATED WORKER TRAINING	\$1 billion	\$1 billion
DISLOCATED WORKERS ASSISTANCE NATIONAL RESERVE	\$500 million	\$200 million
YOUTHBUILD	\$50 million	\$100 million
COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR CAREERS IN ENERGY	\$500 million	\$250 million
COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR CAREERS IN HEALTH	\$250 million	<i>Note: Senate bill provides competitive grants for training in high growth industries including <b>BOTH</b> health care and renewable energy industries</i>

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## OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

With respect to youth funding, both the House and Senate bills raise the upper age limit for WIA eligibility from 21 to 24 years of age. The House bill (HR 1) waives all performance measures other than “work readiness” for Summer Jobs programs. The Senate bill (S 336) waives all performance measures other than “work readiness” for ALL youth activities funded by the recovery package -- summer and year-round activities.

In addition, under the House bill’s “Use It or Lose It” provision, grant recipients must “enter into contracts or other binding commitments” using 50 percent of the funds awarded within a year of enactment of the bill, and must have entered into a contract or binding commitment to spend 100 percent of the funds received within a two-year period after bill enactment. The Senate bill contains no such provision.

Funding for the stimulus will be available immediately upon enactment of the bill for the remainder of PY 2008 to be spent within a two year period. The Department of Labor will be required to distribute formula funding within 30 days following enactment of the bill, and competitive grant funding within 90 days after the date of enactment.

Finally, the Senate bill allows contracts to be awarded to institutions of higher education “if the local Workforce Investment Board determines that it would facilitate the training of multiple individuals in high demand occupations, if such contract does not limit customer choice