

(C) designate two categories of economically strong counties, consisting of—

- (i) “competitive counties”, which shall be those counties in the region that are approaching economic parity with the rest of the United States; and
- (ii) “attainment counties”, which shall be those counties in the region that have attained or exceeded economic parity with the rest of the United States.

(2) ANNUAL REVIEW OF DESIGNATIONS.—The Commission shall—

(A) conduct an annual review of each designation of a county under paragraph (1) to determine if the county still meets the criteria for the designation; and

(B) renew the designation for another one-year period only if the county still meets the criteria.

(b) DISTRESSED COUNTIES.—In program and project development and implementation and in the allocation of appropriations made available to carry out this subtitle, the Commission shall give special consideration to the needs of counties for which a distressed county designation is in effect under this section.

(c) ECONOMICALLY STRONG COUNTIES.—

(1) COMPETITIVE COUNTIES.—Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), assistance under this subtitle for a project that is carried out in a county for which a competitive county designation is in effect under this section shall not be more than 30 percent of the project cost.

(2) ATTAINMENT COUNTIES.—Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), amounts may not be provided under this subtitle for a project that is carried out in a county for which an attainment county designation is in effect under this section.

(3) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to—

(A) a project on the Appalachian development highway system authorized by section 14501 of this title;

(B) a local development district administrative project assisted under section 14321(a)(1)(A) of this title; or

(C) a multicounty project that is carried out in at least two counties designated under this section if—

- (i) at least one of the participating counties is designated as a distressed county under this section; and
- (ii) the project will be of substantial direct benefit to at least one distressed county.

(4) WAIVER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may waive the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) for a project when the recipient of assistance for the project shows the existence of any of the following:

- (i) a significant pocket of distress in the part of the county in which the project is carried out.
- (ii) a significant potential benefit from the project in at least one area of the region outside the designated county.

(B) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Commission shall submit to the Committee on Envi-

ronment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives an annual report describing each waiver granted under subparagraph (A) during the period covered by the report.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1277; Pub. L. 110-371, §4(a), Oct. 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 4041.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
14526	40 App.:226.	Pub. L. 89-4, title II, §226, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title II, §219, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3623.

In subsection (a)(1), before clause (A), the words “Not later than 90 days after November 13, 1988” are omitted as obsolete.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-371, §4(a)(1), inserted “, at-risk,” after “Distressed” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(1)(B), (C). Pub. L. 110-371, §4(a)(2), added subpar. (B) and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (C).

CHAPTER 147—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec.

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§ 14701. Applicable labor standards

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the construction, alteration, or repair, including painting and decorating, of projects, buildings, and works which are financially assisted through federal amounts authorized under this subtitle shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as the Secretary of Labor determines in accordance with sections 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147 of this title. With respect to those labor standards, the Secretary has the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (eff. May 24, 1950, 64 Stat. 1267) and section 3145 of this title.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1278.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
14701	40 App.:402.	Pub. L. 89-4, title IV, §402, Mar. 9, 1965, 79 Stat. 21.

The reference to 40:276(c) should be to 40:276c, restated as section 3145 of the revised title.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950, referred to in text, is Reorg. Plan No. 14 of 1950, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3176, 64 Stat. 1267, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 14702. Nondiscrimination

An individual in the United States shall not, because of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to