



**SUMMARY OF TRIBALLY SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN SENATE AGRICULTURE MAJORITY COMMITTEE**  
***Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024***  
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Title I—Commodities	Summary of Tribal Provisions
<p><b>Subtitle A—Commodity Policy</b>  <b>SEC. 1102. BASE ACRES.</b></p> <p>(b) BASE ACRE INCREASE FOR UNDERSERVED FARMERS OF COVERED COMMODITIES-- “(1) DEFINITION OF UNDERSERVED FARMER 22 OF COVERED COMMODITIES.—</p> <p>In this subsection, the Term ‘underserved farmer of covered commodities’ means an underserved producer (as defined in section 508(a)(7)(A) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—Commodity Policy</b>  <b>SEC. 1102. BASE ACRES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a one-time opportunity for beginning, veteran or socially-disadvantaged farmers<sup>1</sup> (including Tribal farmers) to increase their base acres for commodity program eligibility, not to exceed an addition of 160 acres.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> See 7 U.S.C. 2279(a)(5) (The term “socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher” means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group.); See also 7 U.S.C. 2279(a)(6) (The term “socially disadvantaged group” means a group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities.); See also U.S. DEP’T OF AGRICULTURE, Key Terminology (last visited on May 22, 2024), available at <https://www.usda.gov/partner-portal/key-terminology#:~:text=The%20term%20%E2%80%9CSocially%20Disadvantaged%E2%80%9D%20means,held%20by%20socially%20disadvantaged%20individuals> (“Socially disadvantaged groups consist of the following: American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics.



<p>1508(a)(7)(A))) or a limited resource or economically distressed farmer (as determined by the Secretary) of 1 or more covered commodities.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Supplemental and Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs</b>  <b>SEC. 1503. EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Subtitle E of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081 et seq.) (as amended by section 1501(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “SEC. 1503. EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM. . .”</p> <p>“(ii) if the eligible producer on a farm is in an area that is not adequately served (as defined in section 508(a)(7)(A) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C.3 1508(a)(7)(A))) or is an <b>underserved producer</b> (as defined in that section)...</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Supplemental and Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs</b>  <b>SEC. 1503. EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes the pandemic-era authorized and funded Emergency Relief Program permanent, requires participation in Federal Crop Insurance or NAP for eligibility, 75% coverage eligibility for underserved producers (including Tribal producers).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle G—Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 1704. ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.</b></p> <p>— [ . . . ]“(B) LAND.  —Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person or legal entity (except an <b>underserved farmer</b> of covered commodities (as defined in subsection (b)(1) of section 1112 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9012))) shall not be eligible to receive a payment or benefit under subtitle A of title I of hat Act (7 U.S.C. 9011 et seq.) for a crop</p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 1704. ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exempts underserved producer (including Tribal producers) from maximum adjusted gross income threshold of \$700,000 for commodity program benefit eligibility.</li> <li>• Authorizes waiver authority for the Secretary for environmentally sensitive lands on a case-by-case basis.</li> </ul>



<p>year with respect to land that is owned by a person or legal entity the average adjusted gross income of which exceeds \$700,000.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle G—Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 1706. LEGAL ENTITIES.</b></p> <p>Section 1001(a)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308(a)(3)) is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "Federal or State Law" and inserting "Federal, State, <i>or Tribal law.</i>"</p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 1706. LEGAL ENTITIES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates Tribal parity, recognizing legal entities formed under Tribal Law as eligible for and subject to commodity payment limitations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Title II—Conservation</b></p>	
<p><b>SEC. 2001. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>“(14) <b>INDIAN LAND; TRIBAL LAND.</b>—The terms ‘<i>Indian land</i>’ and ‘<i>Tribal land</i>’ mean land that is—</p> <p>“(A) held in trust by the United States for the benefit of an <b>Indian Tribe</b> or one or more individual members of an Indian Tribe;</p> <p>“(B) held by an <b>Indian Tribe</b> or one or more individual members of an <b>Indian Tribe</b>, subject to a restriction against alienation or encumbrance by operation of Federal law;</p> <p>“(C) held in <b>fee by an Indian Tribe</b> or one or more <b>individual members of an Indian Tribe</b>;</p> <p>“(D) <b>Hawaiian Home Lands</b> (as defined in section 801 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221));</p>	<p><b>SEC. 2001. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines "Indian Land" eligible for conservation program enrollment to include Tribal trust land, restricted land, fee land held by a Tribe or individual Tribal members, certain Hawaiian Homelands, lands held by majority-owned Tribal entities or corporations offering services, or any combination of lands described.</li> <li>• Defines Indian Tribe consistent with the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994.</li> <li>• Includes Native Hawaiian Organizations as eligible and defined as private non-profits that serve the interest of Hawaiians, with Native Hawaiians holding positions in the</li> </ul>



<p>“(E) held by a majority-owned <b>Tribal entity</b> or corporation that provides services consistent with the purposes of a program established under this title; or</p> <p>“(F) any combination of the types of land described in subparagraphs (A) through (E).</p> <p>...</p> <p>“(15) <b>INDIAN TRIBE.</b>—The terms ‘<i>Indian tribe</i>’ and ‘<i>Indian Tribe</i>’ mean any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).”;</p> <p>...</p> <p>“(19) <b>NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.</b>—The term ‘<i>Native Hawaiian organization</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517).”</p> <p>...</p> <p>(30) <b>TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.</b>—The term ‘<i>Tribal organization</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.</p>	<p>non-profit, and is recognized by the Governor of Hawaii as being for the benefit of Native Hawaiians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines Tribal organization consistent with the definition in ISDEAA.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 2201. CONSERVATION RESERVE.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b></p>

<sup>2</sup> Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).



<p>Section 1231(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831(b)) is amended—[. . .] (6) by adding at the end the following: [. . .] “(9) land that is otherwise eligible for enrollment and for which a <b>Tribal</b>, State, or local government law, ordinance, or regulation requires any resource-conserving or environmental protection measure or practice, unless the requirement to implement such a measure or practice has been imposed by an administrative order or a court order, in which case that land shall not be eligible for enrollment.”.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 2201. CONSERVATION RESERVE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends the law to include Tribal lands with conservation or environmental protection requirements under Tribal law as eligible for enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2202. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.</b>          Section 1231A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831a) is amended— [. . .]          (ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:          “(C) an <b>Indian Tribe or a Tribal organization</b>;          “(D) a <b>Native Hawaiian organization</b>;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2202. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorizes Tribal Organization and Native Hawaiian Organizations as eligible partners for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2204. SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>(b) CLEAR 30.—Section 1231C(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831c(a)) is amended— [. . .]</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2204. SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes Tribal Organizations in addition to Tribes as eligible for CLEAR 30 contracts.</li> </ul>



<p>(4) in paragraph (8)(B), by striking “or Indian Tribe” and inserting <b>“Indian Tribe, or Tribal organization”</b>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Tribes in parity with State and Federal agencies to carry out the maintenance of a CLEAR 30 contract for the Conservation Reserve Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2205. CONSERVATION RESERVE EASEMENTS</b></p> <p>Section 1231A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831a) is amended— ...</p> <p>(ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:  <i>“(C) an <b>Indian Tribe or a Tribal organization</b>;</i>  <i>“(D) a <b>Native Hawaiian organization</b>;</i></p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2205. CONSERVATION RESERVE EASEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds Tribal Organizations and Native Hawaiian Organizations as eligible partners for Conservation Reserve Easements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2205. CONSERVATION RESERVE EASEMENTS</b></p> <p>‘(2) CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into 1 or more contracts with private entities or agreements with a State, nongovernmental organization, <b>Indian Tribe, or Tribal organization</b> to carry out necessary restoration, maintenance, repair, assessment, or monitoring of a conservation reserve easement if the Secretary determines that the contract or agreement will advance the purposes of the conservation reserve program.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2205. CONSERVATION RESERVE EASEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends language to allow the Secretary enter into agreements with Tribal Organizations to carry out necessary restoration, maintenance, repair, assessment, or monitoring of a Conservation Reserve Easement if the Secretary determines that the contract or agreement will advance the purposes of the conservation reserve program.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2205. CONSERVATION RESERVE EASEMENTS.</b></p> <p>“(2) DELEGATION OF EASEMENT ADMINISTRATION.— “(A) FEDERAL, STATE, TRIBAL, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.</p> <p>—The Secretary may delegate any of the management, monitoring, and enforcement responsibilities of the Secretary under this section to other Federal, State, <b><i>Tribal</i></b>, or local government agencies that have the appropriate authority, expertise, and resources necessary to carry out those delegated responsibilities.</p> <p>“(B) CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS.— The Secretary may delegate any management responsibilities of the Secretary under this section to conservation organizations, including <b><i>Tribal organizations</i></b> dedicated to conservation and natural resource management, if the Secretary determines the conservation organization has similar expertise and resources.”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Conservation Reserve Program (including Farmable Wetland Program)</b>  <b>SEC. 2205. CONSERVATION RESERVE EASEMENTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to delegate management, monitoring, and enforcement to Tribal governments and Tribal conservation and natural resource management organizations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b>  <b>PART I - ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM</b>  <b>SEC. 2302. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>Section 1240A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–1) is amended— ...</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b>  <b>PART – I ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM</b>  <b>SEC. 2302. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the development of priority resource concerns at the Tribal level on Tribal Lands.</li> </ul>



<p>(in paragraph (7)— in subparagraph (A), by inserting “<b>Tribal</b>,” before “or local”; and (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “State or region” and inserting “State, at a regional scale, or on <b>Indian land</b>”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b> <b>PART I - ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM</b> <b>SEC. 2303. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.</b></p> <p>(a) PAYMENTS.—Section 1240B(d) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(d)) is amended— [...] (i) by striking “Each State” and inserting “The designee of the Secretary in each State”; and (ii) by striking “the State,” and inserting “the State and, in the case of <b>Indian land, the applicable Tribal conservation advisory council</b>,”; ... “(vi) furthers efforts to implement the climate adaptation and resilience plan of a State, <b>Indian Tribe</b>, or local government.”;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b> <b>PART I - ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM</b> <b>SEC. 2303. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires Secretary's State Designee to consult with NRCS Tribal Conservation Advisory Councils to designate 10 conservation practices for increased payments on Indian lands under certain conditions.</li> <li>• Authorizes additional condition of practice, furthering Tribal climate adaptation and resilience planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b> <b>PART II – CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</b> <b>SEC. 2311. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>Section 1240I of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–21) is amended—(2) in paragraph (4)(A)(i), by striking “tribal land” and</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b> <b>PART II – CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</b> <b>SEC. 2311. DEFINITIONS.</b></p>





<p>inserting “<b>Tribal land</b>”; and  (3) in paragraph (5)—(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “State, or local level as a priority for a particular area of a State” and inserting “State, <b>Tribal</b>, or local level as a priority for a particular area”; and  (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “State or region” and inserting “State, at a regional scale, or on <b>Indian land</b>”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates mechanism for development of Tribal priority resource concerns on Indian lands in the Conservation Stewardship Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b>  <b>PART II – CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</b>  <b>SEC. 2312. STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS.</b></p> <p>Section 1240K(b)(1)(A) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–23(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:</p> <p>(iii) other consistent criteria that the Secretary determines are necessary to ensure that the program effectively—  (I) targets improvements to soil health, increases carbon sequestration, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and  (II) addresses other national, State, <b>Tribal</b>, and local priority resource concerns.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program</b>  <b>PART II – CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM</b>  <b>SEC. 2312. STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends the criteria the Secretary may use to rank contract offers to limit the “other consistent criteria” to that necessary to ensure that the program effectively (1) targets improvements to soil health, increases carbon sequestration, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and (2) addresses other national, State, Tribal, and local priority resource concerns.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Other Conservation Programs</b>  <b>SEC. 2401. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION ACT.</b>  <b>SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS; DECLARATION OF POLICY.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Other Conservation Programs</b>  <b>SEC. 2401. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION ACT.</b>  <b>SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS; DECLARATION OF POLICY.</b></p>



<p><b>SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>‘In this Act: [. . .] “(2) LOCAL ORGANIZATION.</p> <p>...</p> <p>—The term ‘local organization’ means— [. . .]</p> <p>(C) any <i>Indian Tribe or Tribal organization (as those terms are defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) having authority under Federal, State, or Indian Tribal law to carry out, maintain, and operate a work of improvement.</i></p>	<p><b>SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>‘In this Act: [. . .] “(2) LOCAL ORGANIZATION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Tribes and Tribal Organizations with authority to carry out, maintain and operate as eligible to participate in Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention efforts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Other Conservation Programs</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 2403. EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.</b></p> <p>(a) EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM.—(c) EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM.</p> <p>—Section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) is amended— [by] inserting the following: [. . .] “(1) DEFINITION OF SPONSOR.—In this subsection, the term ‘sponsor’ means—</p> <p>“(A) a State or local government; and</p> <p>“(B) <i>an Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).</i>”</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Other Conservation Programs</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 2403. EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designates Tribes as eligible to request additional emergency watershed protection measures for specified natural disasters.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration.</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 2502. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration.</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 2502. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b></p>



<p>Section 1242 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3842) is amended— [ . . . ] (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “<b>Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations,</b>” after “nongovernmental organizations,”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary to consult with Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations for the delivery of technical assistance in conservation programs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 2502. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <p>(D) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:</p> <p>(3) ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS.—      ...“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—Under the process established under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—      “(i) consider conservation innovations, scientific and technological advancements, and traditional ecological knowledge, including from projects developed under section 1240H;      “(ii) allow State, local, and <b>Tribal</b> flexibility in the creation of—      “(I) interim conservation practice standards and supplements to existing conservation practice standards to address the considerations described in clause (i); and      “(II) partnership-led proposals for new and innovative techniques to facilitate implementing agreements and grants under this title;      “(iii) solicit regular input from State technical committees established under section 1261(a) for recommendations that identify innovations or advancements described in clause (i); and      “(iv) allow for public submission of proposals for consideration as interim conservation practice standards.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 2502. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes USDA to accept Tribal flexibility in conservation practices and partnership proposals when implementing conservation agreements and grants.</li> </ul>



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[ . . . ] (7) by adding at the end the following:

**(j) NATIVE TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE.—**

(1) DEFINITION OF NATIVE ENTITY.— In this subsection, the term ***‘Native entity’*** means— **(A) an Indian Tribe; and (B) a conservation-focused Native Hawaiian organization.**

(2) INCORPORATING **NATIVE TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE.**— The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, fully incorporate ***Native traditional ecological knowledge*** into the conservation practice standards, including the ***Native*** conservation practice standards developed under paragraph (3).

**(3) NATIVE CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS.—**

(A) WORKING GROUPS.— Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall establish in each service area office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service a working group consisting of— (i) a representative from the applicable State technical committee established under section 1261(a); (ii) the applicable State Conservationist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and (iii) a designated representative from each

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- Requires the Secretary to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) into conservation practice standards and requires creation of working groups in NRCS area offices to develop technical standards based on TEK and incorporate them into the field office guide.



<p><b>Native entity</b> within the service area that elects to participate.</p> <p>(B) Development of standards.— Each working group established under subparagraph (A) shall develop technical standards based on <b>Native traditional ecological knowledge</b> to be— (i) recognized as <b>Native</b> conservation practice standards for the applicable service area; and (ii) incorporated into the Natural Resources Conservation Service field office technical guide for the applicable service area.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 2502. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <p><b>(k) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO FARMER-TO-FARMER NETWORKS.</b>  ...  (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—  (A) IN GENERAL.— The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with eligible entities to carry out the purposes described in paragraph (1).  (B) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.— An entity eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary under subparagraph (A) is— (i) a nonprofit entity described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code; (ii) a farmer-to-farmer network; <b>(iii) an Indian Tribe; (iv) a Tribal organization; (v) a Native Hawaiian organization</b>, including the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; (vi) a unit of local government (including a conservation district and a conservation district association); (vii) an institution of</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 2502. DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Tribes, Tribal organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations eligible to enter into cooperative agreements providing Farmer-to-Farmer technical assistance; also the same as sub-awardees.</li> </ul>



<p>higher education; (viii) a State; and (ix) any other entity designated by the Secretary.</p> <p>(C) PRIORITIZATION.— In selecting eligible entities with which to enter into cooperative agreements under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that seek to meet the specific needs of, and are accessible to— <b><i>(i) historically underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest owners, including limited-resource farmers, ranchers, and forest owners;</i></b> or (ii) farmers, ranchers, and forest owners operating in high-poverty areas.</p> <p>(B) ELIGIBLE SUBAWARDEES.—An entity eligible for a subaward under paragraph (3)(A)(v) is-</p> <p>...</p> <p><b><i>“(iii) an Indian Tribe;</i></b>  <b><i>“(iv) a Tribal organization;</i></b>  <b><i>“(v) a Native Hawaiian organization</i> (as defined in section 6207 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517));</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 2503. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS</b></p> <p>Section 1244 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3844) is amended—</p> <p>(2) in subsection (m), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “subtitle D and” and all that follows through “the Secretary shall” and inserting “subtitle D, the environmental quality incentives</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Funding and Administration</b>  <b>SEC. 2503. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the alternative funding arrangement authority for Tribal governments to include Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Agriculture Conservation Easement Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program.</li> </ul>



<p>program under subchapter A of chapter 4 of subtitle D, and the agricultural conservation easement program under subtitle H, and in entering into alternative funding arrangements under the regional conservation partnership program under section 1271C(d), the Secretary shall”; and</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle F—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program SEC. 2601. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.— Section 1265A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3865a) is amended— (1) in paragraph (2)— (A) in subparagraph (A)— (i) in clause (i)— (I) by striking “an eligible entity” the first place it appears and inserting “one or more eligible entities”; and (II) by striking “an eligible entity owns or is” and inserting “one or more of those eligible entities own or are”; (ii) in clause (ii)— (I) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “the eligible entity certifies to the Secretary that the” and inserting “each eligible entity certifies to the Secretary that and”;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle F—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program SEC. 2601. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capitalizes “Tribal” in the use of Tribal land for consistency.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle F—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program SEC. 2603. WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS.</b></p> <p>Section 1265C of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3865c) is amended— ... “(e) ASSISTANCE.—</p>	<p><b>Subtitle F—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program SEC. 2603. WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to enter into contracts or agreements with Tribes and Tribal organizations to advance purposes of the Wetlands Reserve Easement Program.</li> </ul>



<p>...</p> <p>(2) <b>CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS.</b>— The Secretary may enter into 1 or more contracts or agreements with a Federal, State, or local government agency, nongovernmental organization, <b>Indian tribe or Tribal organization</b>, or private entity to carry out necessary restoration, enhancement, maintenance, repair, assessment, or monitoring of a wetland reserve easement if the Secretary determines that the contract or agreement will advance the purposes of the program.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program</b>  <b>SEC. 2701. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES.</b></p> <p>Section 1271(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871(b)) is amended— ...</p> <p>(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following: (3) To encourage the reduction of greenhouse gases, and the adaptation to and mitigation of climate change, through the coordinated efforts of eligible partners, producers, and Federal, State, local, and <b>Tribal</b> governments.</p> <p>(4) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)— (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; (B) in subparagraph (B)— (i) by striking “affect” and inserting “create conservation benefits across”; and (ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and (C) by adding at the end the following: (C) implementing or establishing a</p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program</b>  <b>SEC. 2701. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands the purposes of the program to encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the adaptation to and mitigation of climate change through coordinated efforts of eligible partners including Tribal governments</li> <li>• Include as an eligible activity the establishment or implementation of a soil health plan or program of a State or Tribal government</li> </ul>





<p>soil health plan or program of a State or <i>Tribal</i> government.</p> <p>(5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by striking “through partnership agreements”;</p> <p>(6) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated)— (A) by striking “conservation projects to achieve” and inserting “innovative methods of conservation delivery that generate”; and (B) by striking “outcomes and”;</p> <p>(7) by adding at the end the following: (7) To facilitate the conversion from concentrated animal feeding operations to climate-friendly agricultural production systems, including regenerative grazing, agroforestry, organic, and diversified crop and livestock production systems.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program</b>  <b>SEC. 2702. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>Section 1271A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871a) is amended— ...</p> <p>(5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)— (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “tribe” and inserting “<i>Tribe or Tribal organization</i>”; (B) by striking subparagraph (H); (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (G) as subparagraphs (E) through (H), respectively; (D) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following: “(D) <b>A Native</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program</b>  <b>SEC. 2702. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes Tribal Organizations in addition to Tribes as eligible partners for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.</li> <li>• Authorizes Native Hawaiian Organizations as eligible partners.</li> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to recognize any other entity as an eligible partner that they may find appropriate.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Hawaiian organization.</b>”; and (E) by adding at the end the following:  “(K) A not-for-profit conservation organization. “(L) An agricultural retailer (including an agrichemical business and a farm retail outlet or supplier). “(M) Any other entity that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.”;</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program  SEC. 2703. Regional Conservation Partnerships</b></p> <p>Section 1271B of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871b) is amended—</p> <p>(iii) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated), by inserting “<b>Tribal</b>,” after “State,”;</p> <p>...</p> <p>“(4) ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE PARTNERS.—</p> <p>“(A) IN GENERAL.—On an election by an eligible partner, the Secretary may provide an advance payment to the eligible partner related to project implementation, as provided in the partnership agreement, including an alternative funding arrangement under subsection (d)(1).</p> <p>...</p> <p>“(C) in the case of an agreement with an <b>Indian Tribe</b> or a <b>Tribal organization</b>, provide an opportunity for the <b>Indian Tribe or Tribal organization</b> to develop with the Secretary projects that—</p> <p>“(i) address eligible resource concerns on Indian land; and</p> <p>“(ii) allow for flexibility in conservation implementation and administration.”</p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program  SEC. 2703. Regional Conservation Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes priority consideration for applications that coordinate with Tribes, in parity with nation, State and local efforts.</li> <li>• Authorizes advance payments inclusive of AFAs, which must be spent within 120 days.</li> <li>• Authorizes agreements with Tribes and Tribal Organizations to address resource concerns on Indian lands with flexibility in implementation and administration.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program SEC. 2704. ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS.</b></p> <p>Section 1271C of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871c) is amended—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(v) by adding at the end the following: “(C) in the case of an agreement with an <i>Indian Tribe</i> or a <i>Tribal organization</i>, provide an opportunity for the <i>Indian Tribe</i> or <i>Tribal</i> organization to develop with the Secretary projects that— (i) address eligible resource concerns on <i>Indian land</i>; and (ii) allow for flexibility in conservation implementation and administration.”;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program SEC. 2704. ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary, Indian Tribes, and Tribal Organizations to develop projects under AFA authority to address eligible resource concerns on Tribal lands and allow for flexibility in conservation implementation and administration.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program SEC. 2705. FUNDING.</b></p> <p>(2) GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION EASEMENT CRITERIA.— The criteria referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) are the following:</p> <p>(A) The terms of the groundwater conservation easement shall contain terms that encumber and sufficiently address the management, monitoring, and enforcement of surface water uses and groundwater rights and uses.</p> <p>...</p> <p>(C) The eligible partner shall provide a letter of support from the applicable State Conservationist and a letter of compatibility from the appropriate State, local, and <i>Tribal agencies</i> responsible for oversight</p>	<p><b>Subtitle G—Regional Conservation Partnership Program SEC. 2705. FUNDING.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a ground water conservation easement set aside in RCPP funding. Requires applicants to provide letter of support from a Tribe that governs applicable conservation easements, groundwater use, and has jurisdiction over regulation.</li> </ul>



<p>of conservation easements and groundwater use and regulation in the applicable jurisdiction.</p>	
<p><b>Title III—Trade</b></p>	
<p>No Tribal specific provisions.</p>	<p>No Tribal specific provisions.</p>
<p><b>Title IV—Nutrition</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle A—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4101. ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THRIFTY FOOD PLAN.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(u) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(u)) is amended</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) HAWAII.— (1) INTERIM FINAL RULE.—Notwithstanding section 273.10(e)(4)(i) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), not later than January 1, 2025, the Secretary shall promulgate an interim final rule to use food price data throughout the State of Hawaii to calculate the cost of the thrifty food plan (as defined in section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) for that State. (2) COST ADJUSTMENT.— (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), on October 1, 2025, and on October 1 of each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall apply the cost estimate for the thrifty food plan (as defined in</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4101. ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THRIFTY FOOD PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary to adjust the Thrifty Food Plan to reflect the cost of food in Hawaii for the state of Hawaii, including rural areas.</li> </ul>



<p>section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 17 2012)) for the State of Hawaii pursuant to the interim final rule promulgated under paragraph (1).</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle A—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SEC. 4102. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations</b></p> <p>(C) PARTICIPATION IN SNAP.—Any household eligible to participate or participating in the program established under this subsection may simultaneously participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.’</p> <p>...</p> <p>(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking the designation and heading and all that follows through “80 percent” and inserting the following: “The Secretary shall pay 100 percent”;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(3) in paragraph (6)(E), by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”; and</p> <p>...</p> <p>(8) <b>TRIBAL</b> PROCUREMENT.—</p> <p>“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph: “(i) <b>ELIGIBLE TRIBAL ORGANIZATION</b>.—The term ‘<i>eligible Tribal organization</i>’ means a <i>Tribal organization</i> that meets the requirements for a participating <i>Tribal</i> organization under clause (ii), except that the <i>Tribal</i> organization does not satisfy the requirement described in subclause (II) of that clause.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SEC. 4102. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the dual use of FDPIR and SNAP.</li> <li>• Removes the matching requirement for administrative funds.</li> <li>• \$5 million is authorized through fiscal years 2024-2029 in purchasing traditional and locally- and regionally-grown foods for recipients of FDPIR. Funds subject to annual appropriations.</li> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribes and Tribal Organizations for the procurement of food package items.</li> <li>• \$10 million is authorized each fiscal year 2024-2029 for self-determination contracting. Only funds appropriated in advance under this authority can be used for self-determination contracting. Funding for ITOs already participating in the pilot is limited to \$20 million to remain available for two fiscal years.</li> <li>• Excludes contract support costs from FDPIR self-determination contracting.</li> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive or modify some regulatory requirements under certain emergency scenarios.</li> </ul>



“(ii) **PARTICIPATING TRIBAL ORGANIZATION**.—The term ‘**participating Tribal organization**’ means a **Tribal organization** that—

“(I) is successfully administering the food distribution program of the **Tribal** organization established under this subsection;

“(II) has entered into a **self-determination** contract to procure agricultural commodities for distribution under that food distribution program for not less than 12 months of distribution across the contract period;

“(III) has the capacity to purchase agricultural commodities in accordance with subparagraph (C); and “(IV) meets any other criteria determined by the Secretary, in consultation with **Indian tribes**.

“(iii) **SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT**.—The term ‘**self-determination contract**’ means a **self-determination** contract (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self- Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) as implemented under the demonstration project established under section 4003(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 2013 note; Public Law 115–334), with modifications as determined by the Secretary.

“(B) **TRIBAL COMMODITY PURCHASES**.— The Secretary shall—

“(i) subject to the availability of appropriations under subparagraph (E)(i), enter into self-determination contracts with eligible **Tribal organizations** to allow those eligible **Tribal organizations** to directly purchase agricultural commodities for distribution under the food distribution program of the eligible **Tribal organization** established under this subsection; and

- Authorizes the Secretary to enter into contracts with or make grants to public or private organizations or agencies for research improving the administration and effectiveness of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).
- Terminates the FDPIR self-determination pilot program once the Secretary certifies the purpose has been met.



“(ii) subject to the availability of appropriations under subparagraph (E)(ii), enter into self-determination contracts with participating **Tribal organizations** to allow those participating **Tribal organizations** to directly purchase agricultural commodities for distribution under the food distribution program of the participating **Tribal organization** established under this subsection.

“(C) PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.—

Any agricultural commodity purchased by a **Tribal organization** under a **self-determination contract** entered into under subparagraph (B)—

“(i) shall be domestically produced;

“(ii) shall supplant, not supplement, the types of agricultural commodities in existing food packages for that **Tribal organization**;

“(iii) shall be—

“(I) of a similar or higher nutritional value as the types of agricultural commodities that would be supplanted in the existing food package of the **Tribal organization**; or

“(II) an agricultural commodity with **Tribal** significance to that **Indian Tribe**;

“(iv) shall not result in a material increase in the total amount of food in the food package of that **Tribal organization**, as compared to the amount of food authorized under the monthly distribution guide rates established by the Food and Nutrition Service; and

“(v) shall meet any other criteria determined by the Secretary.

...



“(I) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year, to remain available until expended, to enter into self-determination contracts under subparagraph (B)(i) with eligible **Tribal organizations**.

“(II) APPROPRIATIONS IN ADVANCE.—Only funds appropriated pursuant to subclause (I) in advance specifically to the Secretary to enter into self-determination contracts under subparagraph (B)(i) with eligible **Tribal organizations** shall be available for that purpose.

“(III) OPTION.—If any funds described in subclause (II) are remaining in a fiscal year after requests to enter into self-determination contracts from eligible **Tribal organizations** for that fiscal year have been met, the Secretary may use those remaining funds to enter into self-determination contracts under subparagraph (B)(ii) with participating **Tribal organizations**.

“(ii) FUNDING FOR PARTICIPATING **TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS**.—Of the funds made available under section 18(a), not more than \$20,000,000 shall be made available to the Secretary for each fiscal year, to remain available for 2 fiscal years, to enter into **self-determination contracts** under subparagraph (B)(ii) with participating **Tribal organizations**.

...

“(F) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of the **Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act** (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Secretary shall not be liable, or use any amounts made available





under subparagraph (E)(i) or section 18(a) for purposes of carrying out this paragraph, for contract support costs or other costs not expressly authorized in this paragraph.

...

9) EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS.—

(A) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY PERIOD.—In this paragraph, the term ‘emergency period’ means a period during which there exists—

(i) a public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) or a renewal of such a public health emergency declaration;

(ii) a major disaster declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170); or

(iii) an emergency declared by the President under section 501 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5191).

“(B) MODIFICATION OR WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, during an emergency period, the Secretary may modify or waive any regulatory requirement promulgated pursuant to this section for a **Tribal organization** or State agency administering the program under this section if—

i) the regulatory requirement cannot be met by the **Tribal organization** or State agency during any portion of the emergency period under the conditions that prompted the emergency period;



<p>and</p> <p>(ii) the modification or waiver of such a requirement is necessary to provide assistance to that Tribal organization or State agency under this subsection.</p> <p>...</p> <p>RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION, AND EVALUATIONS - Section 17(a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026(a)(1)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “program” and inserting “program, the <b>food distribution program on Indian Reservations</b> carried out under section 4(b), and the emergency food assistance program established under the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.)”.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Section 4003(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 2013 note; Public Law 115–334) is amended by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>“(7) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The demonstration project under this subsection shall terminate on the date on which the Secretary certifies that paragraph (8) of section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)) has been implemented.”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B – Emergency Food Assistance Program</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 4203. FLEXIBILITIES FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES.</b></p> <p>Section 214(c) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7515(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B – Emergency Food Assistance Program</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 4203. FLEXIBILITIES FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes geographically isolated Tribes to coordinate with the Secretary to establish alternative delivery options for</li> </ul>



<p>(3) FLEXIBILITIES FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED STATES AND <b>INDIAN TRIBES</b>.—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(B) ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY OPTIONS.— At the request of a State agency of a geographically isolated State or a <b>Tribal organization</b>, the Secretary shall coordinate with the State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> to establish alternative delivery options for commodities allocated to that State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> under this section to ensure that the geographically isolated State or <b>Tribal organization</b> is able to receive those commodities.</p> <p>(C) DIRECT PURCHASE OPTION.—</p> <p>(i) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a State agency of a geographically isolated State or a <b>Tribal organization</b>, the Secretary may transfer to the State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> the cash value of not more than 100 percent of the commodities allocated to that State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> under this section to be used by the State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> to procure domestically grown food in lieu of receipt of those commodities.</p> <p>“(ii) PLAN.—A State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> making a request under clause (i) shall submit to the Secretary a plan that describes how the State agency or <b>Tribal organization</b> will track and regularly report to the Secretary the commodity purchases made with the funds received under clause (i).”.</p>	<p>commodities allocated through TEFAP. Alternatively, it authorizes those Tribes to directly purchase domestically-grown food in lieu of receiving commodities. Funding will be based on a cash value equivalent of the commodities allocated under this authority.</p>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4205. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN TRIBES.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b></p>



<p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 201A of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501) is amended— [...] (C) by adding at the end the following: (vi) <b>a Tribal organization, including any Tribal organization</b> participating in the <b>food distribution program on Indian reservations</b> under section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 4205. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN TRIBES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Tribes as eligible administrators of TEFAP.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b> <b>SEC. 4205. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN TRIBES.</b></p> <p>2) ALLOTMENTS.— (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall apply the allocation formula under section 214(a) to allot additional commodities using funding under section 27(a)(3) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(3)) to <b>Tribal organizations</b> with approved plans under this section using the best available data, as determined by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (B), on— (i) with respect to each applicable <b>Indian Tribe</b>— (I) the number of persons in households that have incomes below the poverty line; and (II) the average monthly number of unemployed persons in the Indian Tribe; and (ii) with respect to all applicable <b>Indian Tribes</b>— (I) the number of persons in households that have incomes below the poverty line; and</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b> <b>SEC. 4205. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN TRIBES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires USDA use the "best available data" to calculate allocations for Tribes administering TEFAP and requires USDA consult with other federal agencies charged with data collection to identify and utilize Tribal-specific data to make this determination.</li> </ul>



<p>(II) the average monthly number of unemployed persons in all the <b>Indian Tribes</b>.</p> <p>(B) BEST AVAILABLE DATA.—The Secretary shall determine the best available data for purposes of subparagraph (A) by consulting with other Federal agencies with responsibilities relating to collection of data on <b>Tribal populations</b>, such as the Bureau of the Census, the Indian Health Service, the Office of Minority Health, <b>the Administration on Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services</b>, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Center for <b>Indian Country</b> Development at the Federal Reserve, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Transportation.”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b> <b>SEC. 4206. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <p>(a) AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—</p> <p>Section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)) is amended—1) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:</p> <p>(2) AMOUNTS.—The Secretary shall use to carry out paragraph (1)—</p> <p>(A) for fiscal year 2025, \$550,000,000;</p> <p>(B) for fiscal year 2026, \$565,000,000;</p> <p>(C) for fiscal year 2027, \$585,000,000;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b> <b>SEC. 4206. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For fiscal years 2025-2028, authorizes Secretary to use up to 30% of funds allocated to Tribes for TEFAP for costs associated with distribution of commodities by Tribes with approved plans. For fiscal year 2029 and after, the amount is reduced to 20%.</li> </ul>



(D) for fiscal year 2028, \$610,000,000;

(E) for fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter, the total dollar amount of commodities specified in subparagraph (D), adjusted by the percentage by which the thrifty food plan has been adjusted under section 3(u)(4) to reflect changes between June 30, 2027, and June 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(3) Amounts for Tribal organizations with plans approved under section 203 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983—

(3) AMOUNTS FOR **TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS**.— Secretary shall use to carry out paragraph (1)

(A) for fiscal year 2025, \$55,000,000;

(B) for fiscal year 2026, \$56,500,000;

(C) for fiscal year 2027, \$58,000,000;

(D) for fiscal year 2028, \$61,000,000;

(E) for fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter, the total dollar amount of commodities specified in subparagraph (D), adjusted by the percentage by which the thrifty food plan has been adjusted under section 3(u)(4) to reflect changes between June 30, 2027, and June 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(4) FUNDS AVAILABILITY.—For purposes of the funds described in this subsection, the Secretary shall—

(A) make the funds available for 2 fiscal years; and

(B) allow States and **Tribal organizations** to carry over unexpended balances to the next fiscal year pursuant to such terms and conditions



<p>as are determined by the Secretary.</p> <p>(5) CONVERSION.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use not more than 20 percent of the funds made available under paragraph (2) for costs associated with the distribution of commodities.</p> <p>(B) <b>TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>.—</p> <p>(i) FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2028.—For each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028, the Secretary may use not more than 30 percent of the funds made available under paragraph (3) for costs associated with the distribution of commodities by <i>Tribal organizations</i> with plans approved under section 203 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983.</p> <p>(ii) FISCAL YEAR 2029 AND THEREAFTER.—For fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary may use not more than 20 percent of the funds made available under paragraph (3) for costs associated with the distribution of commodities by Tribal organizations with plans approved under section 203 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983.”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4206. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <p>(b) STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING.—          ...</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4206. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$50 million is authorized each fiscal year 2024-2029 for Tribes with approved plans to pay for costs related to the</li> </ul>



<p>“(B) TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated in subparagraph (A), there is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Secretary to make available to <b>Tribal organizations</b> with plans approved under section 203 to pay for the direct and indirect costs of <b>the Tribal organization</b> related to the processing, storage, transportation, and distribution to eligible recipient agencies of commodities provided by the Secretary under this Act and commodities secured from other sources, including commodities secured by gleaning (as defined in section 111(a) of the Hunger Prevention Act of 1988 (7 U.S.C. 612c note; Public Law 100– 435)) and donated wild game.</p>	<p>processing, storage, transportation, and distribution of TEFAP commodities and those secured from other sources. Funds subject to annual appropriations.</p>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4206. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <p>(B) TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS. (2) EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS.—</p> <p>Section 209 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7511a) is amended by striking subsections (a) through (d) and inserting the following:</p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall use funds made available under subsection (e) to make grants to States and <b>Tribal organizations</b> to pay the costs of</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Emergency Food Assistance Program</b>  <b>SEC. 4206. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes Tribes eligible to receive TEFAP Storage, Distribution, and Infrastructure funding grants.</li> </ul>





<p>activities described in subsection (d) and to pay State and <i>Tribal costs</i> associated with administering the grant.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle D—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 4401. SENIOR FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>(2) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—In addition to the funds made available under paragraph (1), of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, with priority given to expanding the senior farmers’ market nutrition program to States, territories, and <i>Indian Tribes</i> that are not participants of that program as of the date of enactment of the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024.”;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 4401. SENIOR FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 million is authorized through fiscal years 2024-2029 for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to expand to Tribes and States not currently participating.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 4403. GUS SCHUMACHER NUTRITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.</b>  Section 4405 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7517) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (a), by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (5), (3), and (4), respectively, and moving the paragraphs so as to appear in numerical order;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(C) by adding at the end the following: “(3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION PROJECTS.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the criteria and priorities described in</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 4403. GUS SCHUMACHER NUTRITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with SNAP-administering agencies or nonprofits in partnership with SNAP administering agencies for projects aimed to expand participation and access for Tribes under the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program.</li> </ul>



<p>subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2), respectively, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with a State agency administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program, or a nonprofit entity in partnership with such a State agency, for a project that—</p> <p>(i) is proposed by a State agency or nonprofit entity that—</p> <p>(I) has previously received a large-scale grant under this subsection;</p> <p>(II) has a demonstrated record for launching and maintaining projects described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii); and (III) has the project design, infrastructure, and administrative support necessary for project implementation in, as applicable, a State, region, or <b>Indian lands</b>;</p> <p>(ii) will expand participation and access <b>Indian Tribe</b> compared to the existing project carried out by the State agency or nonprofit entity using the grant described in clause (i)(I);</p>	
<p><b>Title V - Credit</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 5502. QUALIFYING AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAMS.</b></p> <p>(a) QUALIFYING STATES AND TRIBES.—Section 501 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5101) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in the section heading, by inserting “<b>AND TRIBES</b>” after “STATES”;</p> <p>(2) in subsection (a), by inserting “<b>or Tribe</b>” after “State” each place it appears;</p> <p>(3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:  “(b) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Not later than 30 days after</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 5502. QUALIFYING AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAMS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes Tribes eligible entities to receive federal matching grants for agricultural mediation programs available for persons involved in ag loans regardless of loan status as USDA Direct loan or third party USDA Guaranteed loan.</li> </ul>



the Secretary receives from the Governor, or comparable executive official or officials, of a State or **Tribe** a description of the mediation program of the State or Tribe and a statement certifying that the State or **Tribe** has met all the requirements of subsection (c), the Secretary shall determine whether the State or **Tribe** is a qualifying State or Tribe.”;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “STATE” and inserting “QUALIFYING”; (B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting “or **Tribe**” after “State” each place it appears; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(x), by inserting “or comparable agency” after “agriculture”;

(C) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii), by inserting “or **Tribal**” after “State”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “or Tribe” after “State” each place it appears; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) is authorized or administered by—

“(i) an agency of the State or **Tribal** government; or

“(ii) the Governor, or comparable executive official or officials, of the State or **Tribe**.”; and

(5) in subsection (d)(3), by inserting “or **Tribal**” after “State”.

(b) MATCHING GRANTS.—Section 502 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5102) is amended—



- (1) in the section heading, by inserting “AND **TRIBES**” after “STATES”;
- (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “\$500,000” and inserting “\$700,000”; and
- (3) by inserting “or **Tribe**” after “State” each place it appears.

(c) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—Section 503(a)(1)(A) of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5103(a)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “or **Tribal**” after “State”.

(d) REGULATIONS.—Section 504 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5104) is amended, in the second sentence—

- (1) by inserting “or **Tribes**” after “States”; and
- (2) by inserting “or **Tribe**” after “State”.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—Subtitle A of title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating section 506 as section 507; and
- (2) by inserting after section 505 the following:

“SEC. 506. DEFINITIONS.

“In this subtitle:

...

**“(3) TRIBE.—The term ‘Tribe’ has the meaning given the term ‘Indian Tribe’ in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”**

...

(g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

...



<p>(2) Section 4.14E of the Farm Credit Act of 191 (12 U.S.C. 2202E) is amended by inserting “or <b>Indian Tribe</b> (as defined in section 4 of the <b>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</b> (25 U.S.C. 5304))” before the period at the end.</p> <p>(3) Section 358 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2006) is amended by inserting “or Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the <b>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</b> (25 U.S.C. 5304))” before the period at the end.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 5503. FINANCING FOR ESSENTIAL RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES.</b></p> <p>“PART H—SUPPORT FOR RURAL AND <b>TRIBAL</b> ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECTS  “SEC. 4.40. ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES.  “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:  “(1) ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITY.—  “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘essential community facility’ means a public improvement that—  “(i) is owned by 1 or more—  <b>“(I) Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations;</b>  “(II) towns, cities, counties, or other political subdivisions of States, <b>Indian Tribes, or Tribal organizations; or</b>  “(III) nonprofit organizations, including <b>Native Hawaiian Organizations</b> (as defined in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517)); and</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b>  <b>SEC. 5503. FINANCING FOR ESSENTIAL RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Farm Credit institutions to provide financing and technical assistance for certain Tribal community facilities, including community centers, libraries, firehouses, healthcare facilities, senior living facilities, childcare facilities, education facilities, and transportation facilities in partnership with local lenders.</li> </ul>



<p>“(ii) is needed for the orderly development of a rural community. [. . .]</p> <p>“(2) <b>INDIAN TRIBE.</b>—The term ‘<i>Indian Tribe</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)</i>.</p> <p>“(3) <b>RURAL COMMUNITY.</b>—The term ‘rural community’ means any area other than an area described in clause (i) or (ii) of section 343(a)(13)(A) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(A)).</p> <p>“(4) <b>TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.</b>—The term ‘<i>Tribal organization</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Title—VI Rural Development</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle A—Rural Healthcare and Childcare</b> <b>SEC. 6102. IMPROVING RURAL CHILDCARE.</b></p> <p>(a) <b>IN GENERAL.</b>—Section 6101(a) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4725) (as amended by section 6101(2)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:</p> <p>“(2) <b>IMPROVING CHILDCARE IN RURAL AMERICA.</b>—</p> <p>“(A) <b>DEFINITION OF CHILDCARE PROGRAM.</b>—</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—Rural Healthcare and Childcare</b> <b>SEC. 6102. Improving Rural Childcare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists Indian Tribes as entities that a childcare provider may be licensed, registered, or regulated by.</li> </ul>



<p>“(i) IN GENERAL.—In this paragraph, the term ‘childcare program’ means a program that— [ . . ] “(II) is operated by— “(aa) an eligible childcare provider described in section 658P(6)(A) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n(6)(A)); or “(bb) a childcare provider that, on the date of enactment of this Act— “(AA) is licensed, regulated, or registered in the State, territory, or <b>Indian Tribe</b> in which the provider is located;</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Rural Partnerships and Prosperity SEC. 6201. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <p>1) <b>INDIAN TRIBE.</b>—The term “<b>Indian Tribe</b>” means an <b>Indian Tribe or Tribal organization (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), including a wholly or majority owned Tribal entity or corporation</b> that provides services or programs consistent with the purposes of the applicable program under this subtitle.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Rural Partnerships and Prosperity SEC. 6201. DEFINITIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes the definition of Indian Tribe as that of ISDEAA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Rural Partnerships and Prosperity SEC. 6202. RURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a program to make multiyear grant awards to coordinate Federal, nonprofit, and for-profit investment in rural areas.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Rural Partnerships and Prosperity SEC. 6202. RURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive the cost sharing (25%) requirement based on need or if serving certain communities, including Tribal communities.</li> </ul>



(b) GRANT REQUIREMENTS -

[. . .]

(3) **TRIBAL AWARDS**.—Except as provided in paragraph (4), in the case of grants under subsection (a) allocated to **Indian Tribes** under subsection (c)(1)(B), the national office of the rural development mission area shall be responsible for reviewing applications for grant awards under subsection (a) and selecting eligible applicants described in subsection (d) for those grant awards.

[. . .]

(c) GRANT ALLOCATION

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b)(4), the Secretary shall allocate funding for grants under subsection (a)—

(A) for each State based on a formula determined by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2); and

**(B) for Indian Tribes** in such amounts as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, subject to the condition that the total amount allocated to **Indian Tribes** under this subparagraph shall not be less than 5 percent of the amount made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year under section 6205, with **Indian Tribes** located in areas that have higher poverty levels and lower populations receiving higher levels of funding.

[. . .]

...

(4) REALLOCATION.—If a State or **Indian Tribe** does not use funds allocated to the State or **Indian Tribe** under this subsection, the Secretary may reallocate the unused funds to 1 or more other States





or **Indian Tribes**, each of which has used all of the funding allocated to the State or **Indian Tribe** under this subsection.

(d) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), an applicant shall—

(1) propose to serve a rural area;

(2) be composed of a partnership of 2 or more of—

(A) an instrumentality or political subdivision of a State, such as a municipality, county district, or authority;

(B) a nonprofit corporation or association with significant ties to the rural area described in paragraph (1), including through—

(i) association with, or control by, 1 or more public bodies in the rural area;

(ii) broadly based ownership and control by members of the rural area; or

(iii) a substantial public funding contribution to the rural area through taxes, revenue bonds, other local government sources, or substantial voluntary community funding;

(C) a cooperative with significant ties to the rural area described in paragraph (1);

(D) a for-profit entity with a significant presence in the rural area described in paragraph (1);

(E) an institution of higher education

(i) with a significant contribution to or presence in the rural area described in paragraph (1); and

(ii) that includes representatives who are members of the rural area;



and

(F) **an Indian Tribe**

(i) in a rural area described in paragraph (1); and

(ii) **with demonstrated support from the Tribal council or duly elected Tribal executive of the appropriate Tribal government;** and

(3) demonstrate cooperation among the members of the partnership described in paragraph (2) necessary to complete comprehensive, asset-based rural development through eligible activities described in subsection (e).

(e) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An eligible applicant described in subsection (d) that receives a grant under subsection (a) may use the grant funds in rural area

(1) to coordinate Federal, State, regional, or **Tribal initiatives** to reduce duplicative efforts with respect to Federal investments;

[. . .]

(2) WAIVER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) based on the demonstrated need of the eligible applicant or the population served by the eligible applicant, as determined by the Secretary, including—  
(i) an eligible applicant serving an area with a higher nonmetropolitan poverty level;

(ii) an eligible applicant serving a **Tribal population**; and

(iii) an eligible applicant composed of a partnership that includes an entity described in subsection (d)(2)(A).



<p><b>Subtitle B—Rural Partnerships and Prosperity</b>  <b>SEC. 6203. RURAL PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a program to award grants, on a competitive basis, for up to a 5-year period, to be administered at the national level through the Under Secretary for Rural Development, for the purpose of advising on and assisting rural community organizations with—</p> <p>(1) Federal grant management and the development of financial management systems;</p> <p>(2) housing or community economic development projects; and</p> <p>(3) the development of placemaking plans and applications for Federal grants.</p> <p>[. . .]</p> <p>(e) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under subsection (a), the Secretary may give priority to an eligible applicant described in subsection (b) that serves—</p> <p>(1) a nonmetropolitan area with a high poverty level, as determined by the Secretary; or</p> <p>(2) <b>an Indian Tribe</b> with demonstrated support from the Tribal council or duly elected Tribal executive of the appropriate Tribal government.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Rural Partnerships and Prosperity</b>  <b>SEC. 6203. RURAL PARTNERSHIP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes a grant program to help rural community organizations with capacity building and economic development and authorizes the Secretary to prioritize projects that serve Indian Tribes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Rural Electrification Act of 1936</b>  <b>SEC. 6301. RECONNECT PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>“(c) GRANTS, LOANS, AND COMBINATIONS.—</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Rural Electrification Act of 1936</b>  <b>SEC. 6301. RECONNECT PROGRAM.</b></p>



“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants, loans, and combinations of grants and loans to eligible entities described in subsection (d) to provide funds for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in rural areas.

“(4) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT- ONLY AWARDS.— To be eligible for assistance under paragraph (1) in the form of a grant only, in addition to the requirements of subsection (d)— “(A) an entity shall be—

“(i) ***a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, including any wholly or majority owned Tribal entity or corporation that provides services or pro- grams consistent with the purposes of the program under this section; or***

“(ii) an entity serving— “(I) a colonia;

“(II) a persistent poverty county, as determined by the Secretary; or

“(III) a socially vulnerable community, as determined by the Secretary;

“(1) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to obtain a grant, loan, or grant and loan combination under subsection (c), an entity shall—

“(B) INCLUSIONS.—An entity eligible to obtain a grant, loan, or grant and loan combination under subsection (c) may include—

“(i) a State or local government, including any agency, subdivision, instrumentality, or political subdivision of a State or local government;

- Grant-only awards are restricted to projects that serve Tribal organizations, colonias, persistent poverty counties, and socially vulnerable communities, or areas where at least 90% of households lack access to broadband service of at least 100 Mbps/20 Mbps. These communities can use up to 5% of the award to cover application costs.
- Authorizes the Secretary to waive cost-sharing requirements for organizations receiving these grant-only awards.



<p>“(ii) a territory or possession of the United States;</p> <p>“(iii) <b>a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Tribal organization</b>, including any wholly or majority owned Tribal entity or corporation that provides services or pro- grams consistent with the purposes of the program under this section;</p> <p>“(2) EQUITY REQUIREMENTS.—</p> <p>“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require an entity to provide a cost share in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the amount of the grant (including the grant in a grant and loan combination) under subsection (c) requested in the application of the entity.</p> <p>“(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the cost share requirement under subparagraph (A) for entities or projects described in subsection (c)(4).</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>  <b>SEC. 6401. WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND WASTEWATER FACILITY GRANTS.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence—</p> <p>(A) by striking “<i>Indian tribes on</i>” and inserting “<i>Indian Tribes on</i>”; and</p> <p>(B) by striking “<i>tribes, and</i>” and inserting “<i>Tribes and Tribal organizations, including wholly or majority owned Tribal entities or corporations that provide services or programs consistent with the purposes of the applicable program under this section, and</i>” ; and (2)</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>  <b>SEC. 6401. WATER, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND WASTEWATER FACILITY GRANTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Tribal Organizations as eligible for water and wastewater programs under section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.</li> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive up to the whole 25% match requirement for pre-development and development costs in areas with demonstrated need.</li> </ul>



in paragraph (2)—

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (13), in the first sentence, by striking “*(including an Indian tribe*” and all that follows through “tribal group)” and inserting “(including *Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations* described in paragraph (1))”

(2) in paragraph (19)(A), by striking “Indian Tribes” and all that follows through “*federally recognized Indian tribes*” and inserting “and *Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations* described in paragraph (1)”;

(3) paragraph (20)(B), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “Indian tribes” and all that follows through “450b))” and inserting “*Indian Tribes and Tribal* organizations described in paragraph (1)”;

(4) paragraph (21)(A)—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “Indian tribes” and all that follows through “450b))” and inserting “*Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations* described in paragraph (1)”;

(B) in clause (i)—

(i) in subclause (I), by adding

“or” after the semicolon; and

(ii) by striking subclauses (II) and

(III) and inserting the following:

“(II) *an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization described in paragraph*



<p>(1);”.</p> <p>(5) paragraph (26)(A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations” and inserting <b>“Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations</b> described in paragraph (1)”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>  <b>SEC. 6406. TRIBAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES.</b></p> <p>Section 306(a)(25)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(25)(C)) is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>  <b>SEC. 6406. TRIBAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the authorization of appropriations through 2029.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>  <b>SEC. 6410. EMERGENCY AND IMMINENT COMMUNITY WATER ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>Section 306A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926a) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “entity;” and inserting <b>“entity or federally recognized Indian Tribe or Tribal organization</b> (including wholly or majority owned <b>Tribal entities or corporations</b> that provide services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this section);”; and</p> <p>(2) in subsection (i)(2), by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b>  <b>SEC. 6410. Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the authorization of appropriations through fiscal year 2029 and defines that Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations are eligible entities.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6412. WATER SYSTEMS FOR RURAL AND NATIVE VILLAGES IN ALASKA.</b></p> <p>Section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926d) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (a), by striking “construction of water and wastewater systems” and inserting “construction of water systems and wastewater systems, including community-based systems,”;</p> <p>(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “and the <i>Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</i>” after “State of Alaska”; and</p> <p>(3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6412. WATER SYSTEMS FOR RURAL AND NATIVE VILLAGES IN ALASKA.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends authority for the program to fiscal year 2029 and certifies grants can be utilized for constructing community-based water and wastewater systems in rural or Native villages in Alaska.</li> <li>• Requires the Secretary consult with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium on any project in this section.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6413. RURAL DECENTRALIZED WATER SYSTEMS.</b></p> <p>“(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—</p> <p>“(1) a private nonprofit organization; and</p> <p>“(2) a <i>federally recognized Indian Tribe or Tribal organization</i>, including any wholly or majority owned <i>Tribal entity or corporation</i> that provides services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this section.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6413. RURAL DECENTRALIZED WATER SYSTEMS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certifies that Tribes and Tribal organization are eligible entities under this grant program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b></p>





**SEC. 6415. RURAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOANS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “reservations or other federally recognized Indian tribal groups” and inserting “**reservations or Tribal organizations** (including any wholly or majority owned **Tribal entity or corporation** that provides services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this subsection or the program under subsection (g), as applicable)”;  
(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “workforce housing and” before “pollution abatement”;

...

“(10) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2025, and each December 31 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and make publicly available a report that includes, with respect to the immediately preceding fiscal year, the following:

“(A) The name and description of each underlying loan recipient that closed on a business and industry loan under this subsection, including whether the loan recipient is a minority-owned, **Tribal-owned**, or woman-owned entity.

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- Defines Tribal entities and corporations as eligible for business and industry loan guarantees, and defines workforce housing as eligible projects under these.
- Requires the Secretary publish an annual report with the name and description of each entity that closed on a business and industry loan (including whether the entity is a Tribal-member owned), a description of the project funded by the loan, and the amount.



<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6416. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANTS.</b></p> <p>Section 310B(b) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(b)) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence, by inserting <b><i>“and federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (including any wholly or majority owned Tribal entity or corporation that provides services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this subsection)”</i></b> after “related agencies”; and</p> <p>(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023” and inserting “\$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6416. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines Tribes and Tribal Organizations as eligible entities for solid waste management grants.</li> <li>• \$20 million is authorized each fiscal year 2025-2029.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6417. RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.</b></p> <p>Section 310B(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following: <b><i>“(B) federally recognized Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations (including wholly or majority owned Tribal entities or corporations that provide services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this subsection), Alaska Native Corporations, or Native Hawaiian organizations;</i></b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6417. RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines Tribes, Tribal organizations, Alaska Native Corporations, and Native Hawaiian organization as eligible entities.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6419. LOCALLY OR REGIONALLY PRODUCED AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTS.</b></p> <p>Section 310B(g)(9)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)(9)(B)) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in clause (i), by inserting “wholly or majority owned <i>Tribal entities or corporations</i> that provide services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this paragraph,” after “businesses”;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6419. LOCALLY OR REGIONALLY PRODUCED AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes that Tribal entities are eligible for the program and extends authorization through 2029.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6422. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>Section 310H of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1936b(i)) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “<i>Indian tribes</i>” and inserting “<i>federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations</i> (which shall include wholly or majority owned <i>Tribal entities or corporations</i> that provide services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this section)”</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6422. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines Tribes and Tribal Organizations as eligible for the Intermediary Relending Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6426. RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act SEC. 6426. RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.</b></p>



<p>Section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (a)—</p> <p>(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:</p> <p>“(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘<i>Indian tribe</i>’ means an <i>Indian Tribe or a Tribal organization</i> (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304)).”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes Tribes and Tribal Organizations eligible for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program and increases loan amounts to \$75,000.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b> <b>SEC. 6429. RURAL INNOVATION STRONGER ECONOMY GRANT PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>Section 379I of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008w) is amended—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(i) in subparagraph (A)(iv), by striking subclause (II) and inserting the following:</p> <p>“(II) <i>a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Tribal organization</i> (including any wholly or majority owned <i>Tribal entity or corporation</i> that provides services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this section) or a <i>consortium of federally recognized Indian Tribes.</i>”</p>	<p><b>Subtitle D—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act</b> <b>SEC. 6429. RURAL INNOVATION STRONGER ECONOMY GRANT PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes Tribes, Tribal Consortia, and Tribal Organizations eligible for grants under the RISE program.</li> <li>• Requires the Secretary to distribute funds in a geographically diverse way.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b> <b>SEC. 6501. DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b> <b>SEC. 6501. DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE.</b></p>



<p>(a) USE OF GRANTS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.—</p> <p>Section 2333 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7U.S.C. 950aaa–2) is amended—</p> <p>b) WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Section 2334 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 950aaa–3) is amended by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>“(g) WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall waive any requirement for a recipient of financial assistance under this chapter to provide non- Federal matching funds—</p> <p>“(1) in a case of demonstrated need or if the matching requirement would create a substantial burden, as determined by the Secretary; or</p> <p>“(2) if the recipient is a <i>federally recognized Indian Tribe.</i>”</p>	<p><b>(a) USE OF GRANTS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.—</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive matching requirement for Tribes or for cases of demonstrated need.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 6503. FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN GUARANTEED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—</p> <p>(A) a cooperative organization;</p> <p>(B) a for-profit entity;</p> <p>(C) <i>a Tribal entity</i>;</p> <p>(D) a public body;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 6503. FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN GUARANTEED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes a grant and guaranteed loans program for eligible entities including Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Tribal entities to carry out projects to increase the capacity of the food supply chain.</li> <li>• Authorizes broad Secretarial authority related to determination of status as a tribe for eligibility purposes</li> </ul>



<p>(E) an individual; and (F) a nonprofit organization.</p> <p><b>(3) TRIBAL ENTITY.—</b> (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “<i>Tribal entity</i>” means— (i) <i>an Indian Tribe</i> (as defined in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304)); (ii) <i>any other Tribe</i> (as determined by the Secretary); and (iii) <i>a Tribal organization</i> (as defined in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304)).</p> <p>(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “Tribal entity” includes an entity or a corporation that— (i) is wholly or majority owned by one or more Tribal entities described in sub-paragraph (A) or one or more members thereof; and (ii) provides services or programs consistent with the purposes of the program under this section.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b> <b>SEC. 6505. RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>Section 6407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a) is amended— ... (iii) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following: “(C) any Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304));</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Miscellaneous</b> <b>SEC. 6505. RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines Tribes as eligible to receive loans if using innovative financing techniques to accelerate the deployment of clean energy technology.</li> </ul>



Title VII—Research	
<p><b>Subtitle A—National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>  <b>SEC. 7105. EDUCATION GRANTS TO ALASKA NATIVE SERVING INSTITUTIONS AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN SERVING INSTITUTIONS.</b></p> <p>Section 1419B of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “\$10,000,000 in fiscal years 2001 through 2023” and inserting “\$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”; and</p> <p>(2) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2023” and inserting “\$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>  <b>SEC. 7105. EDUCATION GRANTS TO ALASKA NATIVE SERVING INSTITUTIONS AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN SERVING INSTITUTIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes appropriation increases for education grants to both Alaska Native-serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions. \$15 million is authorized each fiscal year 2025-2029.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle A—National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>  <b>SEC. 7114. NEW BEGINNING FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS.</b></p> <p>Section 1450(d) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222e(d)) is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>  <b>SEC. 7114. NEW BEGINNING FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5 million is authorized each fiscal year through 2029 to offer competitive grants to land-grant institutions supporting Tribal students.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle A—National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>  <b>SEC. 7125 AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION CORRIDORS</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977</b>  <b>SEC. 7125 AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION CORRIDORS</b></p>



Subtitle K of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3310 et seq.) (as amended by section 7124) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1473J. AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION CORRIDORS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a network of research corridors, each operated by an institution described in paragraph (2), for research and development on agricultural technology, to be known as ‘Agricultural Innovation Corridors’ (referred to in this section as ‘Ag Innovation Corridors’).

“(2) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—An Ag Innovation Corridor shall be operated by any of the following institutions:

“(A) An 1862 Institution, an 1890 Institution, or **a 1994 Institution** (as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)).

“(B) An institution described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

- Authorizes the creation of Agricultural Innovation Corridors to demonstrate new and emerging agricultural technologies and includes 1994 institutions (Tribal Colleges and Universities) as eligible institutions for participation

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**SEC. 7502. HEIRS PROPERTY AND FRACTIONATED LAND LEGAL CLINICS.**

Subtitle F of title VII of the Agricultural Act of 2014 is amended by inserting after section 7603 (7 U.S.C. 3125a–1) the following:

“SEC. 7603A. HEIRS PROPERTY AND FRACTIONATED LAND LEGAL CLINICS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

...

“(2) **1994 INSTITUTION**.—The term ‘**1994 Institution**’ has the meaning given the term in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382).

“(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall support the provision of legal services to resolve ownership and succession on farmland, including heirs property and fractionated land, by entering into cooperative agreements with 1890 Institutions, **1994 Institutions**, and 1862 Institutions that demonstrate the ability to provide such legal services through—

“(1) the law school of the 1890 Institution, **1994 Institution**, or 1862 Institution; or

“(2) a partnership with—

“(A) a nonprofit legal organization or community-based organization with experience providing such legal services; or

“(B) an accredited law school of another institution of higher education.

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- \$10 million is authorized each fiscal year 2025-2029 for the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with 1994 Institutions (Tribal Colleges and Universities) to provide legal services to resolve heirs' property and fractionated land in partnership with a law school, nonprofit legal organization, or community-based organization.



<p>“(c) PRIORITY.—In entering into cooperative agreements under subsection (b), the Secretary shall give priority to 1890 Institutions and <b>1994 Institutions</b>.</p> <p>“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.”</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b>  <b>SEC. 7504. EQUITY IN EDUCATIONAL LAND-GRANT STATUS ACT OF 1994.</b></p> <p>(a) ENDOWMENT FOR 1994 INSTITUTIONS.—Section 533(b) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382) is amended in the first sentence by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.</p> <p>(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 534(a)(1) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382) is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—</p> <p>(1) by striking “1996” and inserting “2025”; and</p> <p>(2) by striking “equal to” and inserting “not less than”.</p> <p>(c) INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS.—</p> <p>Section 535 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382) is amended by striking “2023” each place it appears in subsections (b)(1) and (c) and inserting “2029”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b>  <b>SEC. 7504. EQUITY IN EDUCATIONAL LAND-GRANT STATUS ACT OF 1994.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the authorization of appropriations for the Tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants program through fiscal year 2029 and removes the \$100,000 cap.</li> <li>• Extends the authorization of appropriations through fiscal year 2029 for the Endowment for 1994 Institutions and Institutional Capacity Building grants for 1994 Institutions.</li> <li>• Extends the authorization of appropriations through fiscal year 2029 for research grants for 1994 Institutions and removes the partnership requirement.</li> </ul>



<p>(d) RESEARCH GRANTS.— Section 536 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (b)—</p> <p>(A) by striking the subsection designation and heading and all that follows through “with—” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting the following:</p> <p>“(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—A <b>1994 Institution</b> that receives a grant under subsection (a) may conduct research described in that subsection under a cooperative agreement with—”; and</p> <p>(B) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “at least 1” and inserting “1 or more”; and</p> <p>(2) in subsection (c), in the first sentence, by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 7505. REPORT ON THE EXTENSION SERVICE NEEDS OF TRIBAL LANDS AND POPULATIONS.</b></p> <p>a) STUDY.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States (referred to in this section as the “Comptroller General”) shall conduct a study of—</p> <p>(1) the extension service needs with respect to <b>Tribal</b> lands and <b>Tribal</b> populations, regardless of the location of those populations;</p> <p>(2) whether the cooperative extension program and the <b>Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program</b> established under section 1677</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 7505. REPORT ON THE EXTENSION SERVICE NEEDS OF TRIBAL LANDS AND POPULATIONS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Comptroller General to conduct a study regarding the cooperative extension program and the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP) to determine if they are meeting extension needs for Tribal lands and Tribal populations.</li> </ul>



<p>of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5930) are meeting those needs, including by examining, for the most recent 20 years—</p> <p>(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the completion of the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit a report describing the results of the study to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>(2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—If the Comptroller General finds under the study under subsection (a) that the existing cooperative extension program and the <b><i>Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program</i></b> are not meeting the needs described in subsection (a)(1), the report under paragraph (1) shall include such legislative and other recommendations as the Comptroller General determines would result in a system under which those needs are met in an equitable and effective manner.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b>  <b>SEC. 7506. RESTORATION OF 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM AUTHORITY.</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:  ...  (3) 4-H PROGRAM.—  (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “4-H Program” means the youth development program of the land-grant colleges or universities, the Cooperative Extension System (as defined by the Secretary), and the Department of Agriculture.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b>  <b>SEC. 7506. RESTORATION OF 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM AUTHORITY.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines the 4-H Program as a youth development program of a land-grant college of university, including 1994 Institutions (Tribal Colleges and Universities).</li> </ul>



<p>(B) INCLUSION.—The term “4-H Program” includes an authorized agent of the 4-H Program.</p> <p>(4) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “land-grant college or university” means an 1862 Institution, an 1890 Institution, or a <b>1994 Institution</b> (as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)).</p> <p>(B) INCLUSION.—The term “land-grant college or university” includes an authorized agent of a land-grant college or university.</p>	
<p><b>Title VIII—Forestry</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle A—Forest Data Modernization</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 8102. DATA ON FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS.</b></p> <p>Section 3 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642) is amended by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>(f) DATA ON FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS.—</p> <p>(1) DATA COLLECTION AND MAPPING.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall—</p> <p>(A) create a publicly available database of—</p> <p>(i) forest management activities conducted by the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior, including fuel breaks and hazardous fuel reduction projects; and</p> <p>(ii) features on Federal land that are relevant in the event of a wildland fire, including functional roads and bridges, intact wetlands,</p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—Forest Data Modernization</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 8102. DATA ON FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs the Secretary to create and shares publicly a map of forest management activities on federal land utilized for forest management planning and combating wildfires, specifically stating no data obtained from Tribes during the 2018 Farm Bill will be made public.</li> </ul>



<p>and wet meadow systems; and          (B) develop a publicly available map that indicates the management activities and features described in subparagraph (A).          (2) UPDATES.—          (A) DATABASE.—The database created under paragraph (1)(A) shall track the progress of the forest management activities described in clause (i) of that paragraph, including anticipated completion dates.          (B) MAP.—The map developed under paragraph (1)(B) shall be updated biannually to indicate the status of the management activities and features described in that paragraph.          (3) NON-FEDERAL COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate with non-Federal entities, including affected State fire protection agencies, to incorporate in the map developed under paragraph (1)(B) management activities or features referred to in that paragraph that were developed, are maintained, or otherwise occur on non-Federal land.          (4) <b>PROTECTED TRIBAL INFORMATION.</b>—Information prohibited from disclosure under section 8106 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C. 3056) that is included in the data base created under paragraph (1)(A) shall not be made public.          (5) TIMEFRAME.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall establish the database and map under paragraph (1) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this subsection.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle A—Forest Data Modernization</b>  <b>SEC. 8103. FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS CARBON PROVISION.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle A—Forest Data Modernization</b>  <b>SEC. 8103. FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS CARBON PROVISION.</b></p>



<p>(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, in collaboration with the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, State foresters, and private sector partners, and in consultation with <i>Indian Tribes</i>, shall establish a publicly available platform to provide measurement, monitoring, verification, and reporting of data regarding the carbon emissions, sequestration, storage, and related atmospheric impacts of forest management and wood products...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires consultations with Indian Tribes during the establishment of a new forest management platform that providing information on carbon emissions, sequestration, storage, and other atmospheric impacts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>SEC. 8216. TRIBAL CONSULTATION IN LAND USE PLANS.</b></p> <p>Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (b), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, in consultation with the governing body of any <i>Indian tribe or Alaska Native Corporation</i> that has—</p> <p>(1) rights or interests on the National Forest System land that may be impacted; or</p> <p>(2) access to participate in traditional or cultural practices, or in the protection of scared (sic) sites or resources, on the National Forest System land.”; and</p> <p>(2) in subsection (c)(9)—</p> <p>(A) in the second sentence, by inserting “and <i>consultation with the governing bodies of Indian tribes and Alaska Native Corporations,</i>” after “appointed,”; and</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>SEC. 8216. TRIBAL CONSULTATION IN LAND USE PLANS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary to engage in Tribal consultation with Tribes and affected Alaska Native Corporations when developing land use plans.</li> </ul>



<p>(B) in the fourth sentence, by striking “State” and inserting “State, <i>tribal</i>,”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>SEC. 8217. PRESCRIBED FIRE CENTERS.</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>(1) CENTER.—The term “center” means a center established under subsection (b).</p> <p>(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior.</p> <p>(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish 1 or more centers to train individuals in prescribed fire methods and other methods relevant to the mitigation of wildfire risk.</p> <p>(c) HOST INSTITUTIONS.—The 1 or more centers shall be developed in collaboration with 1 or more institutions of higher education and located at—</p> <p>(1) 1 or more institutions of higher education; or</p> <p>(2) an existing Federal land management facility.</p> <p>(d) GOALS.—The 1 or more centers shall advance the following goals:</p> <p>(1) Training individuals, including wildland firefighters, foresters, scientists, and land managers, to safely and effectively plan and conduct prescribed fires and vegetation management activities.</p> <p>(2) Conducting research on the use of prescribed fire methods in</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>SEC. 8217. PRESCRIBED FIRE CENTERS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to collaborate on the establishment of one or more centers to train individuals on prescribed fire methods and mitigation of wildfires. These centers will be required to conduct ongoing needs assessments with Indian Tribes and collaborate on prescribed fire methods and traditional ecological knowledge research.</li> </ul>





<p>tandem with other forest restoration methods to achieve greater forest health and resiliency outcomes, including coordinating with research stations, institutions of higher education, and <i>Indian Tribes</i> to include the latest research on—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(4) Conducting ongoing and forward-looking needs assessments among stakeholders, including Federal and State agencies and <i>Indian Tribes</i>, to determine common need requirements and emerging challenges to reduce wildfire risk and adapt communities to increased risk from wildfire, including the following hazard-related focus areas:</p> <p>(A) Increasing disaster resilience.</p> <p>(B) Mitigation and management methods.</p> <p>(C) Air quality.</p> <p>(D) Firestorm weather forecasting and burn-area debris flow forecasting, including empirical and modeling research.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>SEC. 8218. COST-SHARE WAIVER FOR REHABILITATION FROM WILDLAND FIRES.</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>(1) COVERED MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The term “covered matching requirement” means a requirement under a program of the Secretary for wildland fire recovery for a State, <i>Indian Tribe</i>, locality, or individual to provide matching funds, in cash, for a project.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>SEC. 8218. COST-SHARE WAIVER FOR REHABILITATION FROM WILDLAND FIRES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive any covered matching requirements for Tribes and specified other entities for projects in response to wildfires caused by management activities conducted by the Secretary on National Forest System land.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b></p>



<p><b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8234. WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Section 303 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6542) is amended—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(B) in paragraph (2)— (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” after the semicolon; (ii) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and (iii) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following: “(D) in the case of an agreement with a State, a county, or an <i>Indian tribe</i> for a project carried out on National Forest System land, a good neighbor agreement entered into under section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a);”</p>	<p><b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8234. WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds partnership agreements reached with Indian Tribes, under Good Neighbor Agreements to the types of partnerships the Secretary may enter under the Water Source Investment Partnerships.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEC. 8236. TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.</b></p> <p>Section 8703 of the Agriculture Improvement Act 5 2018 (25 U.S.C. 3115b) is amended—</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(4) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so redesignated) the following:</p> <p>“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>“(1) <i>INDIAN TRIBE</i>.—The term ‘<i>Indian Tribe</i>’ means an <i>Indian tribe</i> included on the list published by the Secretary of the Interior under section 104 of the <i>Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act</i> of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).</p>	<p><b>8236. TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.</b></p> <p><b>Establishes a requirement that the agency make a list of all forest management activities for which contracting is available under the Tribal Forest Protection Management Program, to post the list to the agency website and to update the list as is necessary.</b></p>



<p>“(2) <b>TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.</b>—The term ‘<i>Tribal organization</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304).’; [...]</p> <p>and (6) by adding at the end the following: “(d) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary shall— “(1) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, make available on the website of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture in an easily accessible format and location a list of the types of activities and projects that <i>Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations</i> may contract to perform under subsection (b); and “(2) update the list made available under paragraph (1) as necessary.”.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8237. INCORPORATION OF TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PLANS.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(b) of the <i>Tribal Forest Protection Act</i> of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 3115a(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  “(4) <b>INCORPORATION OF TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PLANS.</b>—In developing and carrying out an agreement or contract under this section on receipt of a request from an <i>Indian tribe</i>, the Secretary shall incorporate into the agreement or contract, to the maximum extent that the Secretary determines is consistent with Federal law and the purposes of this Act—</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8237. INCORPORATION OF TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PLANS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes that the Forest Service must include, to the extent allowable under federal law, Tribal land management plans, Tribal laws, and integrated resource management plans in their contracts or agreements with Tribes.</li> <li>• Language references integrated resource management plans (IRMPs) as described in the American Indian Agriculture Resource Management Act (AIARMA), however; AIARMA is not the authorizing statute for IRMPs. AIARMA authorizes</li> </ul>



<p>“(A) <b>Tribal</b> forest land, agriculture, and rangeland management plans, including forest management plans (as defined in section 304 of the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act (25 U.S.C. 3103)); and</p> <p>“(B) integrated resource management plans (as defined in section 4 of the <b>American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act</b> (25 U.S.C. 3703)), excluding any <b>Tribal codes</b> that are expressly incorporated into such a plan, in effect on the <b>Indian forest land or rangeland</b> of the applicable <b>Indian tribe</b>.”</p> <p>(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2(a)(3) of the <b>Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004</b> (25 U.S.C. 3115a(a)(3)) is amended by striking “(25 U.S.C. 450b).” and inserting “(25 U.S.C. 5304).”.</p>	<p><i>agriculture</i> resource management plans (ARMPs) which are distinct from IRMPs</p>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8240. MODIFICATION OF GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (a)—  (A) in paragraph (4)(A)(iii), by inserting “, including activities by the Governor, <b>Indian tribe</b>, or county to build capacity to administer programs under good neighbor agreements,” after “any other activities”; and  (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “or <b>Indian tribe</b>”; and</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8240. MODIFICATION OF GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes Tribes to keep funds from the sale of timber from approved restoration projects on federal land, as applicable.</li> <li>• Additionally authorizes Tribes to engage in restoration work on non-federal land under a Good Neighbor Agreement, as long as the work benefits non-federal land, is similar to work on nearby federal land, and is mostly done on federal land. Additionally, it extends this authority through October 1, 2029.</li> </ul>



(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “, **Indian tribe**,” after “Governor”;

(B) in paragraph (2)— (i) in subparagraph (C)— by striking clause (i) and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Funds received from the sale of timber by a Governor, **an Indian tribe**, or a county under a good neighbor agreement shall be retained and used by the Governor, **Indian tribe**, or county, as applicable— “(I) to carry out authorized restoration services under the good neighbor agreement; and ‘ (II) if there are funds remaining after carrying out subclause (I), to carry out authorized restoration services under other good neighbor agreements.”; and (II) in clause (ii), by striking “2023” and inserting “2029”; and (ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) LIMITATIONS.— “(i) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—Any authorized restoration services under a good neighbor agreement that are carried out on non-Federal land using funds received under subparagraph (C) shall be—

“(I) for the benefit of Federal land; and

“(II) similar and complementary to services being performed on adjacent Federal land under the good neighbor agreement, which may include activities to build capacity to administer programs under good neighbor agreements.

“(ii) MAJORITY FEDERAL LAND. —At any time, not less than 51 percent of the land on which authorized restoration



<p>services are carried out under a good neighbor agreement shall be Federal land.”; and (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, <b>Indian tribe</b>,” after “Governor”.</p> <p>(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS. —Section 8206(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(a)) is amended— (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “, Indian tribe,” after “Governor”; and (2) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, <b>Indian tribe</b>,” after “Governor”...</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8241. GAO REPORTS ON GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.</b></p> <p>Section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 9 U.S.C. 2113a) is amended by adding at the end the following:  “(c) GAO REPORTS.— ...  “(2) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, and once every 3 years thereafter, the Comptroller General shall conduct a study—  “(A) describing each project conducted under a good neighbor agreement since the date of enactment of this Act (Public Law 113–79; 128 Stat. 649) or the date of the last study conducted under this paragraph, if applicable, categorized by the project type;  “(B) identifying— “(i) the number of projects described in subparagraph (A) that have occurred exclusively on Federal land; and  “(ii) the number of those projects that have occurred on both Federal land and State, local, <b>Tribal</b>, or private land;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8241. GAO REPORTS ON GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Government Accountability Office conduct a study, and report the findings to Congress, on various factors that surround the Good Neighbor Authority, including the number of projects occurring on Tribal land and assessing how non-federal partners, including Tribes, use timber sale revenues.</li> </ul>



<p>“(C) determining whether authorized restoration services were carried out under each project described in subparagraph (A), as required by subsection (b)(1)(A);</p> <p>“(D) comparing the acreage of timber harvested under each project conducted under a good neighbor agreement with the total acreage treated under that project;</p> <p>“(E) assessing how <i>non-Federal partners</i> use funds retained from the sale of timber under subsection (b)(2)(C), including— “(i) a description of the projects conducted using those funds, categorized by the project type; and “(ii) which projects described in clause (i), if any, have occurred on non-Federal land, including State, local, <b>Tribal</b>, and private land;</p> <p>“(F) comparing the workforce conditions, pay, and diversity metrics for workers hired under Federal procurement authority, including those hired under the H–2B nonimmigrant program, to the workforce conditions, pay, and diversity metrics for workers hired under good neighbor agreements; and</p> <p>“(G) assessing how good neighbor agreements contribute to ecosystem health and community safety.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8243. JOINT CHIEFS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL. —Title VI of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8243. JOINT CHIEFS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs the Secretary to establish a Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Program to improve the health and</li> </ul>



following: “SEC. 607. JOINT CHIEFS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM. ‘

(a) DEFINITIONS [...]

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program to improve the health and resilience of forest landscapes across National Forest System land and State, **Tribal**, and private land.

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall administer the Program by coordinating eligible activities conducted on National Forest System land and State, **Tribal**, or private land across a forest landscape to improve the health and resilience of the forest landscape by— “(A) assisting producers and landowners in implementing eligible activities on eligible private or **Tribal land** using the applicable programs and authorities administered by the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service under title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), not including the conservation reserve program established under subchapter B of chapter 1 of subtitle D of that title (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.); and“(B) conducting eligible activities on National Forest System land or assisting landowners in implementing eligible activities on State, **Tribal**, or private land using the applicable programs and authorities administered by the Chief of the Forest Service.

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resilience of forest landscapes across National Forest Land, including Tribal land. The Secretary will assist producers and landowners in implementing eligible activities on eligible private or Tribal land using applicable programs.





<p>(e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall provide—“(1) public notice on the websites of the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service describing— “(A) the solicitation of proposals under subsection (c); and “(B) the criteria for selecting proposals in accordance with subsection (d); and “(2) information relating to the Program and activities funded under the Program to States, <i>Indian tribes</i>, units of local government, and private landowners.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8244. EMERGENCY FOREST WATERSHED PROGRAM.</b>  [...]  (b) EMERGENCY FOREST WATERSHED PROGRAM. — Title IV of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following: ‘SEC. 408. EMERGENCY FOREST WATERSHED PROGRAM. “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: “(1) EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION MEASURES.—The term ‘emergency watershed protection measures’ means measures that— “(A) are necessary to address runoff, soil erosion, and flooding caused by a natural disaster or any other natural occurrence that has caused a sudden impairment to natural resources on National Forest System land, and the damage, if not treated— “(i) would significantly impair or endanger the natural resources on the National Forest System land; and “(ii) would pose an immediate risk to water resources or loss of life or property downstream of the National Forest System land; and “(B) would maintain or restore forest health and forest-related resources on the National Forest System land. “(2) NATURAL</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8244. EMERGENCY FOREST WATERSHED PROGRAM.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to establish a new program to address runoff, soil erosion, and flooding due to a natural disaster causing harm to natural resources on national Forest System lands. This authority permits the Secretary to act through a sponsor, which includes Tribes.</li> </ul>



<p>DISASTER. —The term ‘natural disaster’ has the meaning given the term in section 407(a). “(3) SECRETARY. —The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service. “(4) SPONSOR. —The term ‘sponsor’ means— “(A) a State or local government; “(B) <b>an Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304))</b>; and “(C) a water district, water conservation district, water utility, or special district.</p> <p>(c) AUTHORIZATION. —The Secretary, acting through a sponsor, is authorized to undertake emergency watershed protection measures on National Forest System land. ‘</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8246. NURSERY AND SEED ORCHARD SUPPORT.</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:  (1) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible recipient” means—  (A) a State forestry agency;  (B) an <b>Indian Tribe</b>; and  (C) a private nursery that has experience, as determined by the Secretary, growing high quality native trees of appropriate genetic sources in bareroot or container stock types specific for reforestation, restoration, or conservation, including native plants and seeds that are of cultural significance to <b>Indian Tribes</b>.</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8246. NURSERY AND SEED ORCHARD SUPPORT.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands Tribal eligibility to receive technical assistance to the Forest Service’s Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources program while creating a grant program Tribal nurseries increase production capacity. Authorizes \$25 million annually from 2025 through 2029.</li> </ul>



<p>The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall—</p> <p>(1) partner with Federal and State agencies, <b>Indian Tribes</b>, institutions of higher education, and private nurseries to provide training, technical assistance, and research to nursery and tree establishment programs that support natural regeneration, reforestation, agroforestry, and afforestation; ...</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8247. CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.</b></p> <p>Section 40804 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592a) is amended by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>“(g) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—To carry out the ecosystem restoration activities described in subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, may enter into contracts, grants, or agreements, as appropriate, with State agencies, <b>Indian Tribes</b>, institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), and multistate coalitions—</p> <p>(1) for the collection and maintenance of native plant materials, including material from managed seed orchards; and</p> <p>(2) for the production of native plant materials for revegetation.”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Forest Health and Management</b>  <b>Part II- State, Private, and Tribal Partnerships</b>  <b>SEC. 8247. CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS TO 2 CARRY OUT CERTAIN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits the Secretary to enter into contracts with Indian Tribes and institutions of higher education to collect and produce and maintain native plant materials.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Subtitle C- Forest Conservation</b>  <b>SEC. 8301. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AGROFORESTRY CENTERS.</b></p> <p>Section 1243 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (U.S.C. 1642 note; Public Law 101–624) is amended— (1) by striking the section heading and inserting “NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AGRO FORESTRY CENTERS”;</p> <p>...</p> <p>“INFORMATION”; (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)— (i) by striking “Secretary shall establish at the Center” and inserting “Secretary, in collaboration with the Economic Research Service and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, shall establish at the Centers”; and (ii) by striking “Promotion” and inserting “Promotion,”; (C) in paragraph (1)— (i) by inserting “and data” after “information”; and (ii) by striking “and” at the end; (D) in paragraph (2)— (i) by inserting “and data” after “information”; (ii) by striking “forestry” and inserting “forestry, agroforestry,”; and (iii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and (E) by adding at the end the following: “(3) facilitate agroforestry adoption by disseminating comprehensive information and data on Federal, State, local, and <b>Tribal programs</b> that provide support for agroforestry.”;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C- Forest Conservation</b>  <b>SEC. 8301. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AGROFORESTRY CENTERS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadens the research parameters of USDA’s National Agroforestry Research Center and requires the establishment of at least one regional agroforestry center which will be responsible for distributing comprehensive information on state, local, and Tribal programs that provide support for agroforestry.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle E- Other Matters</b>  <b>SEC. 8501. URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY.</b></p> <p>“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish in the Forest Service an Office of Urban and Community Forestry.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E- Other Matters</b>  <b>SEC. 8501. URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY.</b></p>



<p>...</p> <p>“(i) WAIVER OF COST SHARE REQUIREMENTS.—</p> <p>(1) IN GENERAL.—Any non-Federal cost-share requirement otherwise applicable to projects carried out under this section may be waived at the discretion of the Secretary.</p> <p>(2) PRIORITY.—In providing waivers under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to a project carried out by a nonprofit organization or <i>an Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304))</i> that <i>benefits an underserved community.</i>”; and (8) by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>“(k) FUNDING.—“(1) MANDATORY FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 to carry out this section, to remain available until expended. ‘</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive cost-share requirements while also prioritizing waivers to Tribally-led projects under the newly established Office of Urban and Community Forestry.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 8507. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS.</b></p> <p>b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall— “(1) identify, after consulting with State governments and agencies, Federal emergency management and land management agencies, local communities, institutions of higher education, and <i>Indian Tribes</i>, workforce needs in— “(A) land management agencies; “(B) forest, conservation, and recreation industries; and “(C) rural communities</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Matters</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 8507. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture and Labor to consult with Tribes during the establishment of forestry and rangeland management and wildland firefighting training program through the Civilian Conservation Centers.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Title IX—Energy</b></p>	
<p>No Tribal specific provisions.</p>	<p>No Tribal specific provisions.</p>
<p><b>Title X—Horticulture</b></p>	
<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>(1) COOPERATING PARTNER.—The term ‘cooperating partner’ means any of the following entities partnering with an eligible entity:...</p> <p><b>(B) A Tribal government agency, Tribal organization, or Native Hawaiian organization.</b></p> <p>“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY. —The term ‘eligible entity’ means—...</p> <p>“(B) <b>a Tribal government agency</b> that has demonstrated partnerships with farmers and target audiences within the area under the jurisdiction of the applicable <b>Tribal government.</b> ...</p> <p>(3) <b>INDIAN TRIBE.</b>—The term ‘<b>Indian Tribe</b>’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the <b>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).</b></p>	<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines a Tribal government agency, Tribal organization, or Native Hawaiian organization as an LFPA cooperating partner.</li> <li>• Defines an eligible entity for LFPA as a Tribal government agency that has demonstrated partnerships with farmers and target audiences with the area under the jurisdiction of the applicable Tribal government.</li> <li>• Defines Indian Tribe consistent with ISDEAA.</li> <li>• Defines Native Hawaiian Organization consistent with the Native Hawaiian Education Act, which define it as a private nonprofit organization.</li> <li>• Defines Tribal Organization consistent with ISDEAA.</li> </ul>



<p><b>(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.</b>—The term ‘<i>Native Hawaiian organization</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the <i>Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517)</i>. ...</p> <p><b>(9) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.</b>— The term ‘<i>Tribal organization</i>’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)</i>.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <p><b>(b) AVAILABILITY AND PURPOSE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.</b>— The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements with eligible entities— (1) for the purposes of— A) providing an opportunity for States and <i>Tribal</i> governments to build capacity to support their local and regional food systems; (B) building and expanding economic opportunities for small producers, local and regional producers, and <i>historically underserved</i> producers;</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with Tribal Government Agencies to build capacity to support local and regional food systems and/or expand economic opportunities for historically underserved producers.</li> </ul>
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<p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <p>(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—...</p> <p>(2) LIMITATION.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.— The Secretary may be a party to—</p> <p>(i) not more than 1 cooperative agreement under this section per State at any 1 time; and</p> <p>(ii) not more than 1 cooperative agreement under this section per Indian Tribe at any 1 time.</p> <p>(B) COORDINATION.— If more than 1 eligible entity of the same State or <i>Indian Tribe</i> desires to enter into a cooperative agreement under this section for a fiscal year, the eligible entities shall coordinate, with 1 eligible entity serving as the lead agency and each other eligible entity participating as a cooperating partner.</p> <p>(C) CLARIFICATION.— A cooperative agreement entered into with an <i>eligible entity described in subsection (a)(2)(B)</i> shall not be considered to be a cooperative agreement in or relating to a State for purposes of subparagraph (A)(i).</p>	<p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits the Secretary to not more than one Cooperative Agreement per state and not more than one Cooperative Agreement per Tribe at one time. However, it clarifies that Cooperative Agreements with Tribes and States shall not conflict.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <p>(d) APPLICATIONS. — ...</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Secretary to prioritize applications that grow, process, or distribute local and regional food sourced from</li> </ul>





<p>(3) PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN APPLICATIONS.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.— In entering into cooperative agreements under this section, the Secretary shall prioritize applications for cooperative agreements that prioritize—</p> <p>(i) establishing food purchasing contracts with producers and distributors that—</p> <p>(I) grow, process, or distribute local and regional food, as defined by the Secretary; and</p> <p>(II) are, or source from—...</p> <p>(cc) <b>historically underserved farmers</b>, as defined by the Secretary; and...</p> <p>(ii) targeting distributions of food purchased pursuant to those contracts to <b>underserved communities</b>, as determined by the Secretary.</p>	<p>historically underserved farmers. The Secretary could include Tribes and Tribal producers in the category of historically underserved farmers at their discretion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also requires that the Secretary prioritize applications that target food distributions to underserved communities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <p>(f) AWARDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.— ...</p> <p>(2) <b>AWARDS TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.</b>—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.— Before applying the process established under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve 15 percent</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10004 LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS</b></p> <p>SEC. 210B. LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary to make a Tribal set aside that consists of 15% of the total amount made available to carry out the LFPA program for that fiscal year.</li> </ul>



<p>of the total amount made available to carry out this section for that fiscal year for making awards to eligible entities described in subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Secretary has entered or plans to enter into a cooperative agreement under this section.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 10005 ORGANIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.— The term ‘eligible entity’ means an entity described in subparagraph (B) that—</p> <p>(i) is owned and operated within—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(VIII) the jurisdiction of an <b>Indian Tribe</b>; and</p> <p>(ii)(I) is certified in accordance with subpart E of part 205 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations); or</p> <p>(II) is in transition to certification, as defined by the Secretary.</p> <p>(b) ENTITIES DESCRIBED.— An entity referred to in subparagraph (A) is—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(vi) a unit of <b>Tribal</b>, State, territorial, or local government; or</p> <p>(vii) such other entity as the Secretary may designate.</p> <p>(c) EXCLUSION.— The term ‘eligible entity’ does not include an entity described in subparagraph (B) the operations of which are suspended</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10005 ORGANIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines eligible entities as an entity that is certified or in transition to certification as organic underneath the National Organic Program and includes include commercial production entities, nonprofits and other organizations owned and operating within the jurisdiction of an Indian Tribe and units of Tribal government.</li> <li>• Defines Indian Tribe consistent with ISDEAA.</li> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary to waive or lower the non-Federal cost share required for grants if the eligible entity is underserved.</li> </ul>



<p>or revoked under section 205.662 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation)</p> <p>...</p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:</p> <p>(3) INDIAN TRIBE.— The term ‘<i>Indian Tribe</i>’ has the meanings given the term in section 4 of the <i>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</i> (25 U.S.C. 5304).</p> <p>...</p> <p>(h) MATCHING FUNDS.— ...</p> <p>(3) RULE FOR CERTAIN APPLICATIONS.— The Secretary may waive or lower the non-Federal share required under this subsection for small <i>and underserved eligible entities</i> applying for a grant under this section.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <p>REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES; EFFECT ON OTHER LAW</p> <p>...</p> <p>(b) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.</p> <p>(1) STATE AND <b>TRIBAL PLANS</b>. Section 297B of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639p) is amended— [. . .]</p> <p>(II) by inserting after clause (i) the following: “(ii) a procedure by which a hemp producer may be licensed to produce—</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the law authorizing Tribes to be the primary regulatory authority over the production of hemp to establish a procedure, where a producer may be licensed to produce only industrial hemp.</li> <li>• Producers of industrial hemp shall not be required to undergo a background check to apply for the license.</li> </ul>



<p>(l) only industrial hemp, in which case the industrial hemp producer shall not be required to undergo a background check to apply for the license; or</p> <p>(dd) by adding at the end the following:  “(ll) in the case of a producer licensed to produce only industrial hemp under clause (ii)(l), a procedure for testing compliance with the definition of industrial hemp in section 297A using relaxed regulatory requirements, which may include—</p> <p>(aa) visual inspections;</p> <p>(bb) performance-based sampling methodologies;</p> <p>(cc) certified seed, if the applicable State or Indian tribe is participating in the pilot program established under paragraph (4); o</p> <p>(dd) any other similar procedure, as approved by the Secretary, when developing sampling plans for any producer that elects to be designated as a producer of only industrial hemp under clause (ii)(l);”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends the law so that producers of industrial hemp may use relaxed testing requirements if a participating Indian Tribe is participating in the pilot program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <p>REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES; EFFECT ON OTHER LAW</p> <p>(4) CERTIFIED SEED PILOT PROGRAM.</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL. The Secretary may, in up to 5 States or <i>Indian tribes</i>, establish a pilot program under which the State department of agriculture of a selected State, or the equivalent <i>Tribal government agency</i>, may certify genetic purity (within the meaning of the Federal Seed Act (7 U.S.C. 1551 et seq.)) and identity as to variety (as defined</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorizes the Secretary to establish, in up to five states or Indian Tribes, a pilot program where a Tribal department of agriculture may certify genetic purity and identify variety of seeds that have been bred to produce plants with a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than .3% on a dry weight basis.</li> </ul>



<p>in section 101 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 1561)) of varieties of seeds that have been bred to produce plants with a total tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.</p>	
<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <p>REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES; EFFECT ON OTHER LAW ... (4) CERTIFIED SEED PILOT PROGRAM....</p> <p>(B) EXEMPTION. (i) IN GENERAL. A hemp producer that produces hemp using a variety of seed certified under subparagraph (A) in the State or on the land of the <i>Indian tribe</i> by which the variety of seed is certified may submit to the applicable State department of agriculture, or equivalent <i>Tribal government agency</i>, an application for an exemption from the testing requirements under paragraph (2)(A)(iii)(I).</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes a Tribal department of agriculture to issue a testing exemption for hemp grown on Tribal land from seed certified as compliant</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <p>REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES; EFFECT ON OTHER LAW ... (d) EFFECT ON STATE OR <i>TRIBAL</i> LAW.</p> <p>Except as provided in section 297B, nothing in this subtitle preempts or limits any law of a State or <i>Indian tribe</i> that regulates any activity</p>	<p><b>SEC. 10016 HEMP PRODUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes Tribal sovereignty over hemp or hemp product regulations pursuant to Tribal Law, clarifying that nothing in the subtitle preempts or limits any law of an Indian Tribe that regulates any activity involving hemp.</li> </ul>



<p>involving hemp or hemp products, including with respect to the production, manufacture, or sale of hemp or hemp products.</p>	
<p><b>Title XI—Crop Insurance</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Producer Accessibility and Representation</b>  <b>SEC. 11204. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CROPS AND COVERAGES.</b></p> <p>Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:...</p> <p>(27) TRADITIONAL FOODS.—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.— The Corporation shall carry out research and development, or offer to enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more qualified persons to carry out research and development, regarding a policy to insure <i>traditional foods</i>.</p> <p>(B) REPORT.— Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024, the Corporation shall publish a report [ . . . ]</p> <p>SEC. 11204. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CROPS AND COVERAGES.</p> <p>Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:...</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Producer Accessibility and Representation</b>  <b>SEC. 11204. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CROPS AND COVERAGES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to research and develop or contract the research and development of a policy to insure traditional foods.</li> <li>• Within 18 months after enactment the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation publishes a report that describes the result of the research and development, and any decisions made in connection with those results.</li> <li>• (A definition of traditional foods is not provided for in this title, however past farm bills, federal statutes, regulations, and case law only commonly define traditional foods as food that has traditionally been prepared and consumed by an American Indian tribe, including wild game meat; fish; seafood; marine mammals; plants; and berries.)</li> </ul>



<p>(27) <b>TRADITIONAL FOODS.</b>—</p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.— The Corporation shall carry out research and development, or offer to enter into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more qualified persons to carry out research and development, regarding a policy to insure <b>traditional foods</b>.</p> <p>(B) REPORT.— Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024, the Corporation shall publish a report that describes—</p> <p>(i) the results of the research and development carried out under subparagraph (A); and</p> <p>(ii) any decisions made in connection with those results.</p>	
<p><b>Title XII—Miscellaneous</b></p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 12203. USDA OMBUDSPERSON.</b></p> <p>(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6912 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>“SEC. 224B. USDA OMBUDSPERSON.</p> <p>“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—</p> <p>“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of USDA Ombudsman (referred to in this section as the ‘Ombudsman’), which shall be a career reserved position (as defined in section 3132(a) of title 5, United States Code) in the Senior Executive Service.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 12203. USDA OMBUDSPERSON.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes a career position of Ombudsman within USDA to assist producers navigating the department. Directs the Ombudsman to monitor the Department's process implementing recommendations made by advisory committees, including the Tribal Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>



<p>[ . . . ]</p> <p>“(c) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Ombudsperson shall be—</p> <p>“(1) to assist farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners with navigating agencies and offices within the Department, including—</p> <p>“(A) the civil rights offices within the farm production and conservation mission area and the Forest Service; and</p> <p>“(B) the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights;</p> <p>“(2) to work with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to review progress of complaints referred by the Ombudsperson;</p> <p>“(3) to track the response of the Department to, and the progress of the Department with respect to implementing, recommendations made by Department advisory committees, including—</p> <p>“(A) the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers;</p> <p>“(B) <b>the Tribal Advisory Committee</b>; and</p> <p>“(C) the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers; and</p> <p>“(4) to ensure that the functions performed by the Ombudsperson are complementary to existing functions within the Department. ...</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 12208. OFFICE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION.</b></p> <p>(a) OFFICE.—Section 222(a) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923(a)) is amended—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>“(5) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b></p> <p><b>SEC. 12208. OFFICE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Tribal entities as determined by the Secretary and Native Hawaiian Organizations as eligible to enter into cooperative agreements in support of urban agriculture and innovation.</li> </ul>





“(A) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this paragraph, the term ‘eligible entity’ means any of the following:

“(i) A nonprofit organization.

“(ii) An agricultural cooperative.

“(iii) A unit of local government.

“(iv) An **Indian Tribe or Tribal organization** (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the **Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act** (25 U.S.C.5304)).

“(v) **Any other Tribal entity** (as determined by the Secretary).

“(vi) **A Native Hawaiian organization** (as defined in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517)).

“(vii) An agricultural producer group, farmer or rancher cooperative, or majority controlled producer-based business venture (as determined by the Secretary).

“(viii) Any school that serves any of grades kindergarten through grade 12.

...

(c) GRANTS.—Section 222 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923) is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) GRANTS.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall award competitive grants to support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production, such as community gardens, urban farms, rooftop farms,

- Authorizes Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Tribal entities as determined by the Secretary and Native Hawaiian Organizations as eligible to receive competitive grants to support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production.
- Authorizes offices of Tribal governments as acceptable co-locations with Urban and Suburban committee duty stations.
- Makes the Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot program permanent, including projects focused on developing food waste-to-energy operations, and expands eligibility to include Tribal governments, with no more than 40% of the program funding awarded to State governments.



indoor farms, controlled environment agriculture, urban agroforestry, and vertical production.

“(B) PRIORITY.—In awarding competitive grants under this subsection, the Director shall prioritize projects that improve access to local foods in areas where access to fresh, healthy food is limited.

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to receive a grant under paragraph (1)(A) is any of the following:

...

“(C) **An Indian Tribe or Tribal organization** (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the *Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act* (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

“(D) **Any other Tribal entity** (as determined by the Secretary).

8 “(E) **A Native Hawaiian organization** (as defined in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517)).

...

“(iv) DEDICATED SPACE FOR DUTY STATIONS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The office of an urban and suburban committee shall maintain at least 1 dedicated, publicly accessible space in the area served by the urban and suburban committee—

“(aa) to act as the duty station for the staff of the office; and

“(bb) at which the staff of the office may meet with and serve customers of the office.

“(II) ACCEPTABLE FORMS.—A dedicated space described in subclause (I) may be— “(aa) a space collocated with the offices of—

“(AA) a State, local, or **Tribal government**; or



<p>“(BB) a nonprofit organization; or  “(bb) a space, including a shared space, at which a staff member of the office is present at least 1 day each week pursuant to a rotational schedule type of arrangement.  ...  e) INCREASING COMMUNITY COMPOST AND REDUCING FOOD WASTE.—Section 222(d) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following— ‘  [...]  “(C) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES AND PURPOSES OF PROJECTS. —  “(i) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement under subparagraph (A) is— “(I) a State, local, or municipal government; “(II) a special district government (including a soil and water conservation district); “(III) <b>an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization</b> (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the <b>Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</b> (25 U.S.C. 5304)); “(IV) any other <b>Tribal entity</b> (as determined by the Secretary); or “(V) <b>a Native Hawaiian</b> organization (as defined in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517)).</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12212. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRIBAL SELF DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12212. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRIBAL SELF DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS.</b></p>



(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 309 of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6921) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Secretary shall” and inserting “The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’) shall”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as subparagraphs (C) through (E),

respectively; and

(ii) by inserting before subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(A) ACTIVITY OF THE DEPARTMENT.— term ‘activity of the Department’ means a program, function, service, or activity of the Department.

“(B) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’ means the Department of Agriculture.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “of Agriculture (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Department’)”;

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (7) as paragraphs (6) through (8), respectively;

(D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

“(5) RECOMMENDATION OF **SELF-DETERMINATION** PILOT PROJECTS.—

- Directs the Tribal Advisory Committee to make periodic recommendations to the Secretary on self-determination pilot projects of USDA programs and activities.
- Requires the Committee to consult with Tribes and Tribal organizations that provide input regarding interest in assuming/administering self-determination pilot projects
- Requires the Secretary to review and respond to the pilot recommendations made by the Tribal Advisory Committee, with the response submitted to the Tribal Advisory Committee, the Office of Tribal Relations, and the relevant committees of Congress.
- Directs the Secretary to designate a senior official in each mission area that administers self-determination contracts, to handle oversight of the program and coordination with the Secretary.



“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the duties of the Committee under paragraph (4), the Committee shall—

“(i) request input from **Indian tribes and Tribal organizations** on the activities of the Department that the **Indian tribes and Tribal organizations** may be interested in assuming and administering through a **self-determination agreement** pilot project;

“(ii) consult with **Indian tribes and Tribal organizations** that provide input under clause (i) with respect to the input; and

“(iii) make publicly available and submit in accordance with subparagraph (B) a description of not more than 3 recommended pilot projects to further opportunities for **Tribal** assumption and administration of activities of the Department, including—

“(I) an explanation of the reasoning for identifying those activities of the Department for each recommended pilot project;

“(II) a description of the structure and scope of each recommended pilot project, including the specific 1 or more activities of the Department to



be assumed and administered by the **Indian tribe or Tribal organization** through a **self-determination agreement**; and

“(III) with respect to input provided under clause (i), a description of

“(aa) the number of instances of input provided;

“(bb) the types of assistance or support requested through consultation under clause (ii) for purposes of assuming and administering the applicable activities of the Department;

“(cc) the means by which **Indian tribes** propose to assume and administer the applicable activities of the Department; and

“(dd) the regions from which the input was received.

“(B) TIMING.—The Committee shall make publicly available and submit to the Secretary and the relevant committees of Congress a description of recommended pilot projects under subparagraph (A)(iii) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Rural



Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024 and every 3 years thereafter.

“(C) DEPARTMENT RESPONSE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after each submission of recommended pilot projects under subparagraph (A)(iii), the Secretary shall prepare a response that explains, in detail, whether and how the Department could, to the maximum extent practicable, to establish and implement those recommended pilot projects.

“(ii) REPORT REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing each response under clause (i), the Secretary shall—

“(I) build on prior and related studies and pilot programs, including—

“(aa) the food distribution program on *Indian reservations* established under section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b));



“(bb) the good neighbor authority established by section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a);

“(cc) demonstration projects under section 8703 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (25 U.S.C. 3115b); and

“(dd) any pilot projects established under this paragraph;

“(II) identify operational and legal impediments to the implementation of the recommended pilot projects;

“(III) identify any administrative actions that may be taken to address any operational and legal impediments identified under subclause (II);

“(IV) identify the fiscal and budgetary impacts of implementing the recommended pilot projects;





“(V) include a description of necessary administrative, operational, and legislative changes needed to implement the recommended pilot projects;

“(VI) with respect to necessary legislative changes identified under subclause (V), identify the non-Tribal stakeholders that would be affected by potential waivers of or modifications to existing provisions of law; and

“(VII) include any other matters that may be determined by the Secretary and developed through consultation with the Committee.

“(iii) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY;

SUBMISSION.—The Secretary shall—

“(I) make publicly available on the website of the Department each response prepared under clause (i); and

“(II) submit each response prepared under clause (i) to—



<p style="text-align: center;">“(aa) the <i>Office of Tribal Relations</i>; “(bb) the Committee; and “(cc) the relevant committees of Congress.”;</p> <p>(E) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated)—  (i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “REPORTS” and inserting “COMMITTEE REPORTS”; and  (ii) by adding at the end the following:  “(C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make the reports submitted under subparagraph (A) and the written responses submitted under subparagraph (B) publicly available on the website of the Department.”; and</p> <p>(F) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by striking “Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” and inserting “Section 1013 of title 5, United States Code,”</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12212. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRIBAL SELF DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS.</b></p> <p>(b) SELF-DETERMINATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR <b>TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>.—  (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12212. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRIBAL SELF DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs the Secretary to establish demonstration projects and enter self-determination contracts with Tribal Organizations for the procurement of food for the Commodity</li> </ul>



(A) **COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM.**—The term “commodity supplemental food program” means the commodity supplemental food program carried out under section 5 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note; Public Law 93–86)

(B) **FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.**—The term “food distribution program” means the food distribution program on Indian reservations under section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)).

(C) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term “*Indian Tribe*” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the *Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act* (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(D) **RESERVATION.**—The term “*reservation*” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012).

(E) **SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.**— The term “*self-determination contract*” means a *self-determination contract* (as defined in section 4 of the *Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act* (25 U.S.C. 5304)), as implemented under the demonstration project established under section 4003(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 2013 note; Public Law 115–334), subject to such modifications as may be determined by the Secretary.

(F) **TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.**—The term “*tribal organization*” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012).

Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and for the administration of FDPIR.

- Directs to Secretary to consult with Tribes to develop eligibility criteria for Tribal organizations to participate in CSFP and FDPIR demonstration projects
- Requires the Secretary to submit a report to House and Senate Agriculture committees indicating Tribal demonstration project participation with a description of activities carried out by Tribal organizations



(2) FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of appropriations under subparagraph (F), the Secretary shall establish a demonstration project under which **tribal organizations** may enter into **self-determination contracts** to administer food distribution programs on the **reservations** served by the **tribal organizations**.

(B) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to participate in the demonstration project under this paragraph, a **tribal organization** shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(C) ELIGIBILITY.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select for participation in the demonstration project under this paragraph **tribal organizations** that—

(I) are successfully administering the food distribution program on the reservation served by the **tribal organization**, as determined by the Secretary under section 4(b)(2)(B) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)(2)(B)); and

(II) meet such other criteria as the Secretary may establish, subject to clause (ii).

(ii) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with **Indian Tribes** to determine the process and criteria



under which **tribal organizations** may participate in the demonstration project under this paragraph.

(D) REQUIREMENTS.—A food distribution program administered by a **tribal organization** under the demonstration project under this paragraph shall—

(i) have the same eligibility requirements for participation as the food distribution program administered by the Secretary; and

(ii) meet such other criteria as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(E) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are initially appropriated under subparagraph (F), and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that includes, with respect to the preceding year—

(i) a list of each **tribal organization** participating in the demonstration project under this paragraph; and

(ii) a description of the activities carried out by each participating **tribal organization** pursuant to the demonstration project.

(F) FUNDING.—

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry



out this paragraph \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(ii) APPROPRIATIONS IN ADVANCE.—

Only funds made available pursuant to clause (i) in advance specifically to carry out this paragraph shall be available to carry out this paragraph.

(3) COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAMS.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of appropriations under subparagraph (F), the Secretary shall establish a demonstration project under which **tribal organizations** may enter into **self-determination contracts** to purchase agricultural commodities under the commodity supplemental food program for the **reservations** served by the **tribal organizations**.

(B) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to participate in the demonstration project under this paragraph, a **tribal organization** shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(C) ELIGIBILITY.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select for participation in the demonstration project under this paragraph **tribal organizations** that—

(I) are successfully administering the commodity supplemental food program on the **reservation** served by the **tribal organization**;



(II) have the capacity to purchase agricultural commodities in accordance with subparagraph (D) for the commodity supplemental food program; and

(III) meet such other criteria as the Secretary may establish, subject to clause (ii).

(ii) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with **Indian Tribes** to determine the process and criteria under which **tribal organizations** may participate in the demonstration project under this paragraph.

(D) PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.— Each agricultural commodity purchased by a **tribal organization** pursuant to the demonstration project under this paragraph shall—

(i) be domestically produced;

(ii) supplant, and not supplement, the type of agricultural commodities in existing food packages for the **tribal organization**;

(iii) be of similar or higher nutritional value as the type of agricultural commodities in the existing food package for the **tribal organization** that would be supplanted;

(iv) be nonperishable food appropriate for distribution in monthly food packages; and

(v) meet such other criteria as the Secretary may establish.



<p>(E) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are initially appropriated under subparagraph (F), and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that includes, with respect to the preceding year—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a list of each <b>tribal organization</b> participating in the demonstration project under this paragraph; and</li> <li>(ii) a description of the activities carried out by each participating <b>tribal organization</b> pursuant to the demonstration project.</li> </ul> <p>(F) FUNDING.—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this paragraph \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended.</li> <li>(ii) APPROPRIATIONS IN ADVANCE.— Only funds made available pursuant to clause (i) in advance specifically to carry out this paragraph shall be available to carry out this paragraph.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12212. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRIBAL SELF DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS.</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12212. TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TRIBAL SELF DETERMINATION PILOT PROJECTS.</b></p>





<p>(c) MISSION-SPECIFIC <b>SELF-DETERMINATION</b> SUPPORT.—In each Department of Agriculture mission area that administers <b>self-determination contracts</b>, the Secretary shall designate a senior official within that mission area or an office within that mission area to be responsible for—</p> <p>(1) oversight of the administration of <b>self-determination contracts</b> within the mission area; and</p> <p>(2) coordination with a senior official in the Office of the Secretary designated to advise the Secretary on opportunities for <b>self-determination</b> enhancement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires USDA mission areas with self-determination contracts to designate an office or senior official within that mission area responsible for self-determination contracts and requires the Secretary to designate a senior official on self-determination within the Office of the Secretary to coordinate with the applicable mission area senior officials or offices on Tribal self-determination contracts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12213. TRIBAL PROMISE ZONES.</b></p> <p>Section 12510 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (25 U.S.C. 4301 note; Public Law 115–334) is amended—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (b), by striking “this Act” and inserting “the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024”; and</p> <p>(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “2020” and inserting “2026”.</p>	<p><b>Subtitle B—Historically Underserved Producers</b>  <b>SEC. 12213. TRIBAL PROMISE ZONES.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary to designate nominated zones as Tribal Promise Zones before January 1, 2026.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments</b>  <b>SEC. 12302. OFFICES OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AND DIGITAL SERVICE.</b></p> <p>(a) OFFICE OF DIGITAL SERVICE.—Subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6912 et seq.) is</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments</b>  <b>SEC. 12302. OFFICES OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AND DIGITAL SERVICE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes Tribal entities eligible customers and establishes that Office of Customer Experience will be responsible to respond</li> </ul>



<p>amended by inserting after section 217 (as added by section 12107) the following: “SEC. 217B. OFFICE OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE. “(1) CUSTOMER.—The term ‘customer’ means any individual or entity, including any for-profit or nonprofit entity, State, local, or <b>Tribal entity</b>, and any other Federal entity, that interacts with the Department or a Department program, either directly or indirectly through a federally funded program administered by a contractor, nonprofit entity, or State or local entity.</p> <p>“(2) CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE.—The term ‘customer experience’ means the public’s perceptions of and overall satisfaction with interactions with the Department or programs, products, or services of the Department.</p>	<p>to the public’s perception and satisfaction in interactions with the Department, including their service and local working relationships on Tribal lands.</p>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments</b>  <b>SEC. 12303. FOOD LOSS AND WASTE.</b></p> <p>(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out the campaign through— (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out pilot projects under clause (i), the Secretary shall— (III) in coordination with State, local, <b>Tribal</b>, municipal, or territorial governments, inform consumers in a community of solutions, food products, or initiatives that are available to help prevent or reduce food waste</p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments</b>  <b>SEC. 12303. FOOD LOSS AND WASTE.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary to coordinate with Tribal governments to inform consumers in community solutions, food products, or initiatives that help prevent or reduce food waste.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subtitle C—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments</b></p>	<p><b>Subtitle C—Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 Amendments</b></p>



**SEC. 12308. REGIONAL FOOD BUSINESS CENTERS.**

Subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6912 et seq.) (as amended by section 12305) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 224E. REGIONAL FOOD BUSINESS CENTERS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, shall enter into cooperative agreements, including sub awards, with eligible entities, as determined by the Secretary, for the purpose of establishing a national network of not fewer than 12 regional food business centers that collectively provide localized assistance to small and medium-sized farms and food businesses throughout the United States to improve local and regional supply chains, including distribution and processing, through—

“(1) interagency and other coordination;

“(2) business technical assistance;

“(3) capacity building activities; or

“(4) other activities that facilitate the development of a resilient domestic food system, as determined by the Secretary.

“(b) TARGETED ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) **Tribal producers and businesses.**—

Not fewer than 1 regional food business center described in subsection (a) shall provide assistance exclusively to all Tribal producers and businesses nationally.

“(2) Islands, remote areas, and COLONIAS.—Not fewer than 2

**SEC. 12308. REGIONAL FOOD BUSINESS CENTERS.**

- Authorizes USDA to enter into cooperative agreements to establish a national network of at least 12 regional food business centers, with at least one center exclusive to Tribal producers and businesses nationally, to provide assistance to small and medium-sized producers and food businesses.



<p>regional food business centers described in subsection (a) shall provide assistance to producers and farm and food businesses in the State of Hawaii, the State of Alaska, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, other territories or possessions of the United States, colonias, other remote areas, and other, similar locations in the United States, as determined by the Secretary.</p> <p>“(3) Underserved and limited resource PRODUCERS.—Any regional food business center described in subsection (a) shall prioritize providing service to underserved and limited resource producers and farm and food businesses.</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Miscellaneous Provisions</b>  <b>SEC. 12512. PROCUREMENT STUDY AND REPORT.</b></p> <p>(a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study to examine barriers to and opportunities for commodity food purchases by the Department of Agriculture (including under programs funded by the Department of Agriculture), including—</p> <p>(1) the barriers to and opportunities for commodity food purchases by the Department of Agriculture (including under programs funded by the Department of Agriculture) with respect to—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(C) food produced by or supplied by providers of Kosher, Halal, <b>Tribal</b>, or other culturally relevant agricultural products; and</p> <p>(2) the extent to which existing procurement channels, including the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, have addressed barriers to and opportunities for commodity food</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Miscellaneous Provisions</b>  <b>SEC. 12512. PROCUREMENT STUDY AND REPORT.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary conduct a study to examine barriers to and opportunities for commodity food purchases by USDA, including food produced or supplied by providers of Tribal agricultural products. The study shall be published no later than 18 months after enactment.</li> </ul>



<p>purchases by the Department of Agriculture (including under programs funded by the Department of Agriculture) for each of the barriers identified in paragraph (1).</p> <p>(b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish and make publicly available on the website of the Department of Agriculture a report describing in detail the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).</p>	
<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Miscellaneous Provisions</b>  <b>SEC. 12514. RELIEF FOR FARMERS.</b></p> <p>(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: (1) AGRICULTURAL LAND.—  (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “agricultural land” means any land that is used, or capable of use without substantial modification, for production of farm products.  (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “agricultural land” includes irrigation water, livestock water, surface water, groundwater, and agricultural in- puts on or associated with land described in subparagraph (A).  (2) COMMERCIAL FARM.—The term “commercial farm” means a farm on which a person produces any farm product with the intent that the farm product be sold or otherwise disposed of to generate income.  (3) ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENT.—The term “eligible government” means—  (A) a State;  (B) the District of Columbia;</p>	<p><b>Subtitle E—Other Miscellaneous Provisions</b>  <b>SEC. 12514. RELIEF FOR FARMERS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes a program to provide grants to eligible governments, including Tribes, to monitor and remediate the impacts of PFAS contamination of agricultural land or farm products, including providing financial assistance to impacted producers and conducting research.</li> </ul>



(C) a territory of the United States; and  
(D) an **Indian Tribe**.

...

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a program under which the Secretary shall provide grants to eligible governments for the purposes described in subsection (f). [PFAS Monitoring, Remediation, Systems transitions, etc...] ...