

## **AMENDMENT**

### **OFFERED BY MS. SALINAS OF OREGON**

At the end of section 10105, add the following:

1       (e) FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS DATA PROVI-  
2   SION.—

3           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agri-  
4   culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Serv-  
5   ice, in collaboration with the Chief of the Natural  
6   Resources Conservation Service and in consultation  
7   with federally recognized Indian Tribes, State for-  
8   esters, and private sector partners, shall establish a  
9   platform to provide measurement, monitoring,  
10   verification, and reporting data regarding the carbon  
11   emissions, sequestration, storage, and related atmos-  
12   pheric impacts of forest management and wood  
13   products.

14           (2) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out paragraph  
15   (1), the Secretary shall source data, information,  
16   and data analysis from Department of Agriculture  
17   programs, including—

18                (A) the Forest Inventory and Analysis pro-  
19                gram;

20                (B) the Timber Products Output survey;

1 (C) Forest Service and Natural Resources  
2 Conservation Service soil carbon estimations;

3 (D) Department of Agriculture entity-level  
4 guidance;

5 (E) the Forest Products Laboratory;

6 (F) the Federal Life Cycle Assessment  
7 Commons;

8 (G) Department of Agriculture entity level  
9 guidelines; and

10 (H) other relevant programmatic data and  
11 information sources, as they are published and  
12 made available.

13 (3) PRIORITIES.—The platform established by  
14 paragraph (1) shall provide tools that calculate—

15 (A) the above- and below-ground forest  
16 carbon stocks and stock changes associated  
17 with species composition, forest management  
18 regime, and landowner types, including small  
19 area estimations for regional and localized geog-  
20 raphies across the United States, made avail-  
21 able through Forest Inventory and Analysis up-  
22 dates and annual reports;

23 (B) the embodied carbon involved in the  
24 manufacture of products, using data from pub-  
25 lished environmental product declarations and

1 life cycle assessments, updated as new and  
2 more refined data becomes available;

3 (C) the long-term stored carbon in manu-  
4 factured timber products; and

5 (D) the carbon displacement of wood prod-  
6 ucts, compared to other materials, using substi-  
7 tution factors.

8 (4) TIMEFRAME.—To the maximum extent  
9 practicable, the Secretary shall establish the plat-  
10 form under paragraph (1) not later than 2 years  
11 after the date of enactment of this Act.

12 (f) WOOD INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM.—Section  
13 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7  
14 U.S.C. 7655d) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (d), by inserting “50 percent  
16 of” before “the amount”; and

17 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
18 following:

19 “(c) TARGETING TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOP-  
20 MENT, ENHANCED BUILDING DESIGN, AND IMPACT AS-  
21 SESSMENT.—In selecting among proposals of eligible enti-  
22 ties under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary may give pri-  
23 ority to proposals for projects that—

24 “(1) include the use or retrofitting (or both) of  
25 existing sawmill facilities located in counties in

1 which the average annual unemployment rate ex-  
2 ceeded the national average unemployment rate by  
3 more than 1 percent in the previous calendar year;

4 “(2) recognize or enhance carbon reduction  
5 strategies in building design, including forest im-  
6 pacts, which can be improved or incentivized by  
7 North American procurement; or

8 “(3) report on the connection between their  
9 proposal and the resilience and economic benefits as-  
10 sociated with wood products from anticipated wood  
11 supply areas, including wildfire risk reduction, in-  
12 creased fiber flow, forest or mill jobs, and support  
13 for forested communities created because of forest  
14 management.”.

15 (g) WOOD BUILDING EDUCATION ACCELERATOR  
16 GRANT PROGRAM.—

17 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 (A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible  
19 entity” means—

20 (i) an engineering, architecture, or de-  
21 sign school at an institution of higher edu-  
22 cation; or

23 (ii) a center of excellence that consists  
24 of 1 or more partnerships between for-  
25 estry, engineering, architecture, or busi-

1           ness schools at 1 or more institutions of  
2           higher education.

3           (B) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
4           means the Secretary, acting through the Re-  
5           search and Development deputy area and the  
6           State, Private, and Tribal Forestry deputy area  
7           of the Forest Service.

8           (2) GRANT PROGRAM.—

9           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall es-  
10          tablish a program, to be known as the “Wood  
11          Building Education Accelerator Grant Pro-  
12          gram”, to annually award grants to geographi-  
13          cally diverse eligible entities to support the de-  
14          velopment of curricula, programs, and best  
15          practices relating to the critical elements of de-  
16          signing and building with wood, including the  
17          use of traditional wood products, mass timber,  
18          and other advanced wood products.

19          (B) PROPOSALS.—To be eligible to receive  
20          a grant under this paragraph, an eligible entity  
21          shall submit to the Secretary a proposal at such  
22          time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
23          formation as the Secretary may require.

24          (C) REVIEW AND AWARDS.—The Secretary  
25          shall review proposals submitted under subpara-

1 graph (B), and award grants under this sub-  
2 section, in consultation with nonprofit organiza-  
3 tions, research organizations, or other private  
4 entities providing funding to eligible entities to  
5 support activities carried out using grants  
6 under this subsection.

7 (3) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condition  
8 of receiving a grant under paragraph (2)(A), an eli-  
9 gible entity shall provide funds equal to the amount  
10 received by the eligible entity under the grant, to be  
11 derived from non-Federal sources.

12 (4) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The total  
13 amount of grants awarded under paragraph (2)(A)  
14 shall be not more than \$10,000,000 for each fiscal  
15 year.

16 (5) ALLOCATION.—Subject to the availability of  
17 appropriations made in advance for such purposes,  
18 the Secretary shall allocate to carry out this sub-  
19 section not more than \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal  
20 years 2026 through 2030.

21 (h) RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDING PILOT  
22 PROGRAM.—

23 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

24 (A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible  
25 entity” means—

- 1 (i) a nonprofit organization;  
2 (ii) a community-based organization;  
3 (iii) a State, local, or municipal gov-  
4 ernment;  
5 (iv) a tribally designated housing au-  
6 thority;  
7 (v) a private entity, as determined by  
8 the Secretary; and  
9 (vi) a consortium of 2 or more entities  
10 described in subparagraphs (A) through  
11 (E).

12 (B) PRODUCED AND ASSEMBLED IN THE  
13 UNITED STATES.—The term “produced and as-  
14 sembled in the United States”, with regard to  
15 wood materials, means that—

- 16 (i) the wood materials, if manufac-  
17 tured, were manufactured entirely in the  
18 United States; and  
19 (ii) if the wood materials were pro-  
20 duced, all production occurred entirely in  
21 the United States.

22 (C) PUBLIC AGENCY.—The term “public  
23 agency” means a department, agency, other  
24 unit, or instrumentality of Federal, State, Trib-  
25 al, or local government.

1 (D) RURAL.—The term “rural” has the  
2 meaning given the term in section 343(a) of the  
3 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act  
4 (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)).

5 (E) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
6 means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
7 through the Under Secretary for Rural Devel-  
8 opment, in consultation with the Under Sec-  
9 retary for Natural Resources and Environment.  
10 (2) GRANT PROGRAM.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
12 award grants to eligible entities to carry out  
13 pilot projects to demonstrate the use of innova-  
14 tive wood products, systems, and technologies,  
15 such as mass timber, in the construction and  
16 renovation of rural infrastructure and building  
17 projects.

18 (B) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to re-  
19 ceive a grant under this paragraph, an eligible  
20 entity shall submit to the Secretary an applica-  
21 tion at such time, in such manner, and con-  
22 taining such information as the Secretary may  
23 require.



1           (3) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—A pilot project  
2       carried out using a grant received under paragraph  
3       (2)(A) shall—

4           (A) be not longer than 5 years;

5           (B) include collaboration between 1 or  
6       more eligible entities and 1 or more public  
7       agencies;

8           (C) primarily use for construction mate-  
9       rials wood products that are manufactured and  
10      prefabricated offsite and assembled onsite as a  
11      “kit-of-parts” or by assembling finished mod-  
12      ules;

13          (D) to the extent practicable, use wood  
14      materials that are produced and assembled in  
15      the United States; and

16          (E) be located in or provide benefits to a  
17      rural community that, to the extent practicable,  
18      has a history in wood products manufacturing.

19       (4) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condition  
20      of receiving a grant under paragraph (2)(A), an eli-  
21      gible entity shall provide funds, to be derived from  
22      non-Federal sources—

23          (A) except as provided in subparagraph

24          (B), equal to the amount received by the eligi-  
25      ble entity under the grant; or

1 (B) in the case of a pilot project serving a  
2 population of—

3 (i) less than 19,000 residents, equal  
4 to 50 percent of the amount received by  
5 the eligible entity under the grant; or

6 (ii) less than 2,500 residents, equal to  
7 25 percent of the amount received by the  
8 eligible entity under the grant.

9 (5) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The total  
10 amount of grants awarded under paragraph (2)(A)  
11 shall be not more than \$10,000,000 for each fiscal  
12 year.

13 (6) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall provide  
14 for an independent evaluation of pilot projects car-  
15 ried out under this subsection that includes—

16 (A) a summary of the activities conducted  
17 under the pilot projects;

18 (B) an assessment of the effectiveness of  
19 the project requirements described in paragraph  
20 (3); and

21 (C) best practices regarding the use of  
22 public-private partnerships for increased wood  
23 utilization to benefit rural communities.

24 (7) ALLOCATION.—Subject to the availability of  
25 appropriations made in advance for such purposes,

1       the Secretary shall allocate to carry out this sub-  
2       section not more than \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal  
3       years 2026 through 2030.

