

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33
OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVII the following:

1 **SEC. 17__ . DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION VENTURES PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established within the
4 relevant foreign assistance agency a program to be known
5 as the Development Innovation Ventures Program (in this
6 section referred to as the “Program”).

7 (b) **DUTIES.**—In carrying out the Program, the rel-
8 evant foreign assistance agency shall provide flexible fund-
9 ing to global innovators and researchers to test new ideas,
10 build rigorous evidence of what works to improve develop-
11 ment outcomes, and transition to scale solutions with rig-
12 orously demonstrated potential to improve lives on a cost-
13 effective basis.

14 (c) **CORE PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAM.**—In carrying
15 out the program, the relevant foreign assistance agency
16 shall assess applications for funding under this subsection
17 according to the following core principles:

18 (1) Rigorous evidence of impact.

1 (2) Cost-effectiveness.

2 (3) Potential for scale and financial sustain-
3 ability.

4 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—In carrying out
5 the program, the relevant foreign assistance agency
6 shall—

7 (1) provide funding using evidence-tiered fund-
8 ing to allow for risk-taking at early stages while
9 mitigating risk at later stages, thereby maximizing
10 impact per taxpayer dollar spent; and

11 (2) work across all countries and sectors sup-
12 ported by agency assistance programs, with the goal
13 of finding, testing, and scaling up proven solutions.

14 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
15 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
16 ally thereafter for a period of 3 years, the relevant foreign
17 assistance agency shall submit to the appropriate congres-
18 sional committees and make available to the public a re-
19 port on the implementation of the program that in-
20 cludes—

21 (1) an assessment of the extent to which proven
22 solutions have been scaled up inside and outside of
23 the agency; and

24 (2) a description of the relevant foreign assist-
25 ance agency's decision-making process, including

1 with respect to the use of funding received from ex-
2 ternal sources.

3 (f) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “prov-
4 en solutions”—

5 (1) means innovations that are rigorously dem-
6 onstrated, such as through randomized controlled
7 trials, commercial viability, or other appropriate
8 methods, to have the potential to substantially im-
9 prove development outcomes; and

10 (2) includes—

11 (A) innovations developed or supported by
12 the relevant foreign assistance agency the Pro-
13 gram is established in, including the Develop-
14 ment Innovation Ventures program established
15 under subsection (a), Innovation Challenges and
16 Prizes, and innovations developed or supported
17 by other government entities, including the
18 United States International Development Fi-
19 nance Corporation; and

20 (B) innovations developed by partners of
21 the relevant foreign assistance agency the Pro-
22 gram is established in, including nongovern-
23 mental organizations, social enterprises, foreign
24 governments, and multilateral institutions.

