

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Add at the end of title II the following:

1 **Subtitle G—Biomass**

2 **SEC. 201. BIOMASS ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) AREA OF ECONOMIC NEED.—The term
5 “area of economic need” has the meaning given the
6 term “qualified opportunity zone” in section 1400Z–
7 1(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

8 (2) BIOMASS.—The term “biomass” means
9 slash, thinnings, or invasive species from National
10 Forest System land and public lands (as defined in
11 section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
12 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)) that—

13 (A) are byproducts of preventive treat-
14 ments that are removed—

15 (i) to reduce hazardous fuels;

16 (ii) to reduce or contain disease or in-
17 sect infestation; or

18 (iii) to restore ecosystem health;

1 (B) are byproducts of wildfire fuel treat-
2 ments;

3 (C) would not otherwise be used for high-
4 er-value products; and

5 (D) are harvested—

6 (i) in accordance with applicable law
7 and land management plans;

8 (ii) in accordance with the require-
9 ments for—

10 (I) old-growth maintenance, res-
11 toration, and management direction
12 under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of
13 subsection (e) of section 102 of the
14 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
15 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6512); and

16 (II) large tree retention under
17 subsection (f) of that section; and

18 (iii) in a manner that retains a min-
19 imum quantity of coarse woody debris for
20 habitat, nutrient recycling, and soil con-
21 servation.

22 (3) BIOMASS CONVERSION FACILITY.—The
23 term “biomass conversion facility” means a facility
24 that converts or proposes to convert biomass, includ-
25 ing through gasification, into—

- 1 (A) heat;
2 (B) power;
3 (C) biobased products;
4 (D) advanced biofuels; or
5 (E) any combination of the outputs de-
6 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

7 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means—

- 9 (A) a business;
10 (B) a limited liability company;
11 (C) a cooperative or an entity with a busi-
12 ness arrangement similar to a cooperative, as
13 determined by the Secretary;
14 (D) a nonprofit organization; and
15 (E) a public entity.

16 (5) HIGH HAZARD ZONE.—The term “high haz-
17 ard zone” means an area identified as being at high
18 risk of wildfire—

- 19 (A) through the use of a fire hazard map-
20 ping tool; and
21 (B) by—
22 (i) the Secretary; and
23 (ii) the Governor of the State in which
24 the area is located.

1 (6) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
2 the program established under subsection (b).

3 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Energy.

5 (b) PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
7 a program to provide grants, direct loans, and loan guar-
8 antees to eligible entities—

9 (1) to establish a biomass conversion facility;

10 (2) to expand the infrastructure of a biomass
11 conversion facility;

12 (3) to make infrastructure or technological
13 changes to a biomass conversion facility; or

14 (4) to remove, harvest, and transport dead or
15 dying trees and small diameter low-value trees.

16 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant
18 awarded under the program shall be based on—

19 (A) in the case of a grant for an activity
20 described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of sub-
21 section (b), the number of kilowatt hours of en-
22 ergy generated by the biomass conversion facil-
23 ity; and

24 (B) in the case of a grant for an activity
25 described in paragraph (4) of that subsection,

1 the contribution of the activity to reducing the
2 risk of wildfire in high hazard zones.

3 (2) MAXIMUM PAYMENT.—An eligible entity
4 shall not receive more than \$750,000 in grant funds
5 under the program in a single calendar year.

6 (d) PRIORITIES.—In awarding a grant, direct loan,
7 or loan guarantee under the program, the Secretary shall
8 give priority to an eligible entity that—

9 (1) seeks to remove dead or dying trees and
10 small diameter low-value trees;

11 (2) seeks to locate a biomass conversion facility
12 in—

13 (A) an area of economic need; or

14 (B) an area in which there has been a de-
15 cline in forest occupation, as determined by the
16 Secretary; or

17 (3) is a small business, as determined by the
18 Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

19 (e) GRANT MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible
20 entity that receives a grant under the program shall pro-
21 vide an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of the
22 grant to carry out the activities supported by the grant.

1 (f) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
2 priated to the Secretary \$100,000,000 to award grants
3 under the program, to remain available until expended.

