

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Strike section 2303.

Page 69, strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following:

- 1 “(A) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;
2 “(B) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;
3 “(C) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2029;
4 “(D) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2030;
5 and
6 “(E) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2031.”.

Strike section 2804.

Page 157, line 17, insert “, after setting aside amounts as necessary for purposes of section 1271G(h)” after “1241(a)(6)”.

Insert after section 2807 the following:

7 **SEC. 28___. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL HEALTH.**

8 Subtitle J of title XII of the Food Security Act of
9 1985, as redesignated by section 2701, is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 1271G. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL HEALTH.**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) ELIGIBLE INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘eligi-
4 ble Indian Tribe’ means an Indian Tribe that is—

5 “(A) implementing a soil health program
6 for the area over which the Indian Tribe has ju-
7 risdiction; and

8 “(B) meeting or exceeding performance
9 measures established by the Indian Tribe for
10 the soil health program.

11 “(2) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ‘eligible
12 State’ means a State that is—

13 “(A) implementing a soil health program
14 for the State; and

15 “(B) meeting or exceeding performance
16 measures established by the State for the soil
17 health program.

18 “(3) SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM.—The term ‘soil
19 health program’ means a program to improve soil
20 health on agricultural land that—

21 “(A) is broadly consistent with the soil
22 health principles of the Natural Resources Con-
23 servation Service, as determined by the Sec-
24 retary; and

25 “(B) may include—

26 “(i) technical assistance;

- 1 “(ii) financial assistance;
- 2 “(iii) on-farm research and dem-
- 3 onstration;
- 4 “(iv) education, outreach, and train-
- 5 ing;
- 6 “(v) monitoring and evaluation; or
- 7 “(vi) such other components as the
- 8 Secretary determines appropriate.

9 “(b) AVAILABILITY AND PURPOSE OF GRANTS.—For

10 fiscal years 2027 through 2031, the Secretary shall make

11 grants to eligible States and eligible Indian Tribes for the

12 purpose of improving soil health on agricultural lands

13 through the implementation of State and Tribal soil health

14 programs.

15 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant under

17 this section, an eligible State or eligible Indian Tribe

18 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such

19 time, in such a manner, and containing such infor-

20 mation as the Secretary shall require, which shall in-

21 clude—

22 “(A) a description of performance meas-

23 ures to be used to evaluate the State or Tribal

24 soil health program and the results of any ac-

1 activities carried out using grant funds received
2 under this section; and

3 “(B) an assurance that grant funds re-
4 ceived under this section will supplement the
5 expenditure of State or Tribal funds in support
6 of soil health, rather than replace such funds.

7 “(2) TRIBAL OPTION.—An Indian Tribe shall
8 have the option, at the sole discretion of the Indian
9 Tribe, to be incorporated into the application of an
10 eligible State.

11 “(d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sec-
12 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible States and
13 eligible Indian Tribes with a climate action plan that in-
14 cludes soil health, as determined by the Secretary.

15 “(e) GRANTS.—

16 “(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to an
17 eligible State or eligible Indian Tribe under this sec-
18 tion for a fiscal year may not exceed the lower of—

19 “(A) \$5,000,000; or

20 “(B) as applicable—

21 “(i) 50 percent of the cost of imple-
22 menting the State soil health program in
23 the fiscal year; or

1 “(ii) 75 percent of the cost of imple-
2 menting the Tribal soil health program in
3 the fiscal year.

4 “(2) TERM.—A grant under this section shall
5 be for 1 year, and may be renewed annually.

6 “(f) AUDITS AND REVIEWS.—An eligible State or eli-
7 gible Indian Tribe receiving a grant under this section
8 shall submit to the Secretary—

9 “(1) for each year for which the State or Indian
10 Tribe receives such a grant, the results of an audit
11 of the expenditures of the grant funds; and

12 “(2) at such intervals as the Secretary shall es-
13 tablish, a review and evaluation of the State or Trib-
14 al soil health program.

15 “(g) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the Sec-
16 retary, after reasonable notice to an eligible State or eligi-
17 ble Indian Tribe receiving a grant under this section, finds
18 that the State or Indian Tribe has failed to comply with
19 the terms of the grant, the Secretary may disqualify, for
20 not more than 3 years, the State or Indian Tribe from
21 receipt of additional grants under this section.

22 “(h) FUNDING.—Of the funds made available to
23 carry out this subtitle, \$100,000,000 shall be available in
24 each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031 to carry out this
25 section.

1 “(i) ADMINISTRATION.—

2 “(1) DEPARTMENT.—The Secretary may not
3 use more than 3 percent of the funds made available
4 to carry out this section for a fiscal year for admin-
5 istrative expenses.

6 “(2) STATES OR INDIAN TRIBES.—An eligible
7 State or eligible Indian Tribe receiving a grant
8 under this section may not use more than 7 percent
9 of the granted funds for a fiscal year for administra-
10 tive expenses.”.

