



SENATE VS HOUSE FARM BILL PROVISIONS FOR U.S. AQUACULTURE

SENATE AGRICULTURE FARM BILL

SUPPORT

SEC. 7127. AQUACULTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1477(a) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3324(a)) is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the end;
- (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2023.” and inserting “2024; and”; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following: “(3) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.”.

(b) INDIRECT COSTS.—Section 1477 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3324) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(c) INDIRECT COSTS.—Effective beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection— “(1) the limitation with respect to indirect costs under section 1462 shall apply with respect to awards made under this subtitle; and “(2) the limitation with respect to indirect costs under section 1473 shall not apply with respect to those awards.”

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NO SIMILAR LANGUAGE APPEARS

Ask your Representative to include Senate Farm Bill Section 7127 in the House Farm Bill.

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SEC. 1704. ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.

“(3) SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person or legal entity shall not be eligible to receive a payment or benefit under subtitle E of title I of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081) for a fiscal year if the average adjusted gross income of the person or legal entity exceeds \$700,000.

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Ask your Senators to substitute Section 1605 of the House Farm Bill for Section 1704 of the Senate Farm Bill.

SEC. 1605. ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.

Section 1001D(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(b)) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph 3” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”;
and (2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) EXCEPTION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an excepted payment or benefit, the limitation established by paragraph (1) shall not apply to a person or legal entity during a crop, fiscal, or program year, as appropriate, if greater than or equal to 75 percent of the average adjusted gross income of the person or legal entity derives from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities (as described in section 1001(i)).”

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SEC. 12309. AQUACULTURE LIAISON.

Subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6912 et seq.) (as amended by section 12308) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 224F. AQUACULTURE LIAISON.

“(a) DEFINITION OF AQUACULTURE.—In this section, the term ‘aquaculture’ has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2802).

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of Aquaculture Liaison.

“(c) DUTIES.—The Aquaculture Liaison shall—

“(1) develop and advance aquaculture best practices, using the best available science, in consultation with appropriate offices in the Department, agricultural producers, and industry partners;

“(2) provide technical assistance on best practices to aquaculture farmers and businesses, including for shellfish, algae, and land-based aquaculture systems, using the best available science;

“(3) advise the Secretary with respect to aquaculture practices and programs, including applying existing programs for risk mitigation (including insurance and purchasing programs), as applicable, to aquaculture;

“(4) coordinate with the agencies and officials of the Department to update and ensure support for aquaculture in relevant programs;

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Ask your Senators to oppose Section 12309 in the Senate Farm Bill and substitute Section 7507 of the House Farm Bill.

SEC. 7507. NATIONAL AQUACULTURE ACT OF 1980.

The National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 8 2801 et seq.) is amended—

“(7) a catalog of new and existing capital constraints, as described in the capital requirements plan formulated under section 8(b), that affect the development of the aquaculture industry in the United States; and

“(8) a catalog of new and existing Federal or State regulatory barriers, as described in the regulatory constraints plan formulated under section 9(b), to the initiation and operation of commercial aquaculture ventures.”; (2) in section 5 (16 U.S.C. 2804), by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024, the Secretary shall establish an advisory committee, to be known as the Aquaculture Advisory Committee (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Committee’), to advise the Secretary on

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“(5) engage in stakeholder relations and develop external partnerships relating to aquaculture practices and programs;

“(6) identify common State and municipal best practices for navigating local policies relating to aquaculture practices;

“(7) coordinate extension and outreach efforts to support aquaculture producers and businesses;

“(8) collaborate and coordinate with other Federal agencies, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, with respect to aquaculture practices;

“(9) convene a working group with relevant officials of the Department to coordinate programs and share knowledge;

“(10) represent the Department on the Subcommittee on Aquaculture of the National Science and Technology Council;

“(11) gather and issue aquaculture production data, in coordination with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other relevant Federal agencies; and

“(12) promote aquaculture practices that provide environmental, economic, and social benefits.”.

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“(A) oversight of programs of the Department and other members of the coordinating group to support development of, and to advance, aquaculture best practices using the best available science, in consultation with farmers and industry partners;

“(B) providing technical assistance to aquaculture farmers and businesses, including technical assistance that pertains to shellfish, algae, and land-based aquaculture systems, using the best available science; and

“(C) any other aspects of the implementation of this Act.

“(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024, and each year thereafter, the Secretary, acting through the coordinating group and in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior, shall prepare on an annual basis, and submit to Congress, a report on the status of aquaculture in the United States. Such report shall contain— ‘

“(1) a description and evaluation of the actions undertaken with respect to the Plan during the reporting period;

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“(2) an explanation of any revisions made to the Plan during the reporting period;

“(3) the results of the continuing assessment established under section 4(e);

“(4) an evaluation of the role each Federal department or agency has in supporting the aquaculture industry;

“(5) the total amount and value of expenditures of Federal departments or agencies on—

“(A) aquaculture purchases;

“(B) aquaculture promotion and outreach supporting the aquaculture industry;

“(C) grants made to the aquaculture industry; and

“(D) grants to facilitate aquaculture research and the subject matter of such research;

“(6) a summary of the activities and recommendations of the Aquaculture Advisory Committee established under subsection (d);

“(7) a summary of the activities and recommendations of the coordinating group; and

“(8) such other comments and recommendations as the Secretary determines appropriate.”; and in section 10 (16 U.S.C. 2809), by striking “2023” each place it appears in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting “2029”.

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SUBSTITUTE

Ask your Senators to substitute Section 7208 of the House Farm Bill for the following Section of the same number.

SEC. 7208. HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION INITIATIVES.

“(30) AQUACULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION.—Research and extension grants may be made under this section for the purpose of supporting research projects at land-grant colleges and universities (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) to develop and apply aquaculture methods, including through the propagation and rearing of economically and ecologically valuable aquatic and marine species.

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SEC. 7510. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE.

Subsection (b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b)) is amended—(1) in paragraph (2)— (A) in subparagraph (B)(i), by inserting “, including shellfish” before the semicolon;

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SEC. 7208. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.

Section 1673 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5926) is amended— (1) by striking subsections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting the following:

“(a) CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish at least one center of excellence for the purpose of carrying out research, extension, and education activities for each of the 11 areas of focus described in paragraph (3).

“(3) AREAS OF FOCUS.—

“(A) AQUACULTURE.—A center of excellence established under this subsection may engage in research, extension, and education activities focused on developing and applying aquaculture methods, including through the propagation and rearing of economically and ecologically valuable aquatic and marine species.

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SEC. 7503. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE.

Subsection (b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b)) is amended— (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by inserting “,including methods of increasing survival rate and adaptability of shellfish” after “aquaculture”;

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SEC. 11203. IMPROVEMENTS TO WHOLE FARM AND MICRO FARM INSURANCE PLANS.

“(iii) ADDITIONAL REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024, and annually thereafter, the Corporation shall—

“(I) review any limitations on insurable revenue (including the overall limitation and limitations specific to animals, animal products, greenhouse and nursery, and **aquaculture**) to ensure the limitations are adequate to cover the financial risks associated with the production of high-value agricultural products; and

“(II) 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 a summary of the most recent review conducted under subclause (I) and any expected changes to the policy for the following reinsurance year.

SEC. 11204. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CROPS AND COVERAGES.

“(26) **AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS.**—“(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 aquaculture products with a market.

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Ask your Representative to include Senate Farm Bill Sections 11203 and 11204 in the House Farm Bill.

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SEC. 6503. FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN GUARANTEED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM.

(A) an eligible entity engaged in or proposing to engage in the processing of meat, poultry, processed egg products, or fish of the order Siluriformes shall comply with the requirements of the Food Safety and Inspection Service;

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SEC. 1502. SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

(b) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEY BEES, AND FARM-RAISED FISH.—Section 1502(c)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (as designated by section 1501(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “reduce losses” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: “reduce—“(A) losses caused by feed or water shortages (including, in the case of drought, transportation costs for feed, water, livestock, and honey bees), disease, or other factors, as determined by the Secretary, including inspections of cattle tick fever; and

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Ask your Representative to include Senate Farm Bill Section 1502 in the House Farm Bill.