

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2386

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve assistance to community wood facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2023

Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Wood Fa-
5 cilities Assistance Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY WOOD FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 9013 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
8 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8113) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**ENERGY AND WOOD INNOVATION**” and inserting “**FACILITIES GRANT**”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)(iii), in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “woody biomass, including” and inserting “primarily forest biomass, including processing or manufacturing”; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “Energy and Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities Grant”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking “Energy and Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities Grant”;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “35” and inserting “50”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

(5) in subsection (d), by striking “exceed—” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and all that follows through the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting “exceed \$5,000,000.”;

(6) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

2 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
3 through (8) as paragraphs (1) through (7), re-
4 spectively; and

5 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so redesignated),
6 by inserting “or market competitiveness” after
7 “cost effectiveness”;
8 (7) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
11 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

12 (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),
13 by striking “use or retrofitting (or both) of ex-
14 isting sawmill” and inserting “construction,
15 use, or retrofitting of forest products manufac-
16 turing”;
17 (8) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “5
19 megawatts of thermal energy or combined ther-
20 mal and electric energy” and inserting “15
21 megawatts of thermal energy”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “25 per-
23 cent” and inserting “50 percent”; and

24 (9) in subsection (h), by striking “\$25,000,000
25 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-

1 serting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
2 through 2028”.

3 **SEC. 3. WOOD INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
5 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7655d) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INNO-**
7 **VATION**” and inserting “**INNOVATIONS**”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
10 “INCENTIVIZING USE OF EXISTING MILLING”
11 and inserting “EXPANDING FOREST PRODUCTS
12 MANUFACTURING”; and

13 (B) by striking “use or retrofitting (or
14 both) of existing sawmill” and inserting “con-
15 struction, use, or retrofitting for forest products
16 manufacturing”; and

17 (3) in subsection (d), by inserting “50 percent
18 of” before “the amount”.

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