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H. R. 2420

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to review the Cattle Fever Tick
Eradication Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2023

Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. JACKSON of
Texas, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. GUEST) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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Fever Tick Eradication Program, and for other purposes.

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 “Cattle Fever Tick
5 Eradication Program Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CATTLE FEVER TICK ERADICATION PROGRAM RE-**
7 **VIEW AND REPORT.**

8 (a) PROGRAM REVIEW.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture shall offer to enter into a con-
2 tract with a covered institution under which the cov-
3 ered institution shall conduct a review of the Pro-
4 gram.

5 (2) REVIEW ELEMENTS.—The review conducted
6 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include an evalua-
7 tion of—

8 (A) the effectiveness of the Program with
9 respect to preventing and reducing the spread
10 of tick-borne illnesses in cattle;

11 (B) with respect to cattle producers—

12 (i) the benefits of the Program; and

13 (ii) the burden of compliance with the
14 Program;

15 (C) the treatment protocols developed and
16 implemented under the Program; and

17 (D) the Federal and State funds allocated
18 to support the Program for the most recent fis-
19 cal year, including the funds allocated to each
20 research project associated with the Program.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
22 on which the Secretary of Agriculture and a covered insti-
23 tution enter into a contract pursuant to subsection (a)(1),
24 the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Com-
25 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and

1 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of
2 the Senate a report that includes—

3 (1) the results of the review conducted pursuant
4 to subsection (a); and

5 (2) recommendations for improvements to the
6 Program, including recommendations for reducing
7 the burden of compliance with the Program with re-
8 spect to cattle producers.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-
11 ered institution” means—

12 (A) a land-grant college or university; or

13 (B) a non-land-grant college of agriculture.

14 (2) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—

15 The term “land-grant college or university” means
16 an institution from among the land-grant colleges
17 and universities (as defined in section 1404 of the
18 Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

19 (3) NON-LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OF AGRI-
20 CULTURE.—The term “non-land-grant college of ag-
21 riculture” has the meaning given such term in sec-
22 tion 1404 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977
23 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

24 (4) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
25 the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program carried

1 out by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
2 Service of the Department of Agriculture in coordi-
3 nation with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

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