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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2011

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

JANUARY 26, 2012

Reported by Mrs. BOXER, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Feral Swine Eradi-
3 cation and Control Pilot Program Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) wetlands in Louisiana provide substantial
7 cultural, economic, and ecological benefits to the
8 United States and is essential to protecting coastal
9 communities from flooding;

10 (2) nonnative invasive feral swine populations
11 in coastal Louisiana are increasing and severely im-
12 pacting wetlands, especially acreages recovering from
13 the negative impacts of nutria herbivory;

14 (3) Louisiana State University researchers have
15 determined that feral swine damage to coastal wet-
16 lands is very similar to nutria damage but is more
17 severe and may exceed the approximately 105,000
18 acres previously impacted by nutria; and

19 (4) methodologies developed for the State of
20 Louisiana under the Coastwide Nutria Control Pro-
21 gram established under the Coastal Wetlands Plan-
22 ning, Protection and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.
23 3951 et seq.) may provide the basis for the effective
24 control and restoration of wetlands damage caused
25 by feral swine.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
2 ize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assist-
3 ance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to de-
4 velop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to
5 assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine.

6 **SEC. 3. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL PILOT**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
9 propriations under subsection (e), the Secretary of the In-
10 terior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may
11 provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana to
12 pay the Federal share of the cost of carrying out a pilot
13 program—

14 (1) to study and assess the nature and extent
15 of damage to wetlands in the State caused by feral
16 swine;

17 (2) to develop methods to eradicate or control
18 feral swine in the State that may also be used in
19 other States; and

20 (3) to develop methods to restore wetlands
21 damaged by feral swine.

22 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the
23 Secretary shall ensure that the pilot program consider and
24 use, as appropriate, the knowledge and expertise gained
25 through the activities carried out under—

1 (1) the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection
2 and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3951 et seq.); and

3 (2) the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of
4 2003 (Public Law 108–16; 117 Stat. 621).

5 (c) COST SHARING.—

6 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
7 the costs of the pilot program under this section
8 may not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of car-
9 rying out the pilot program.

10 (2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-
11 eral share of the costs of the pilot program may be
12 provided in the form of in-kind contributions of ma-
13 terials or services.

14 (d) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
15 Not more than 10 percent of financial assistance provided
16 by the Secretary under this section may be used for ad-
17 ministrative expenses.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
20 out this section such sums as are necessary for each of
21 fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

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