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S. 2884

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide research and extension grants to combat plant pests and noxious weeds that impact coffee plants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Coffee Plant Health
5 Initiative Amendments Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COFFEE PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1672(d) of the Food, Ag-
8 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.

1 5925(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (9) and insert-
 2 ing the following:

3 “(9) COFFEE PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Research and exten-
 5 sion grants may be made under this section for
 6 the purposes of—

7 “(i) developing and disseminating
 8 science-based tools and treatments to com-
 9 bat plant pests and noxious weeds that im-
 10 pact coffee plants;

11 “(ii) establishing an areawide inte-
 12 grated pest management program in areas
 13 affected by, or areas at risk of being af-
 14 fected by, plant pests or noxious weeds
 15 that impact coffee plants;

16 “(iii) surveying and collecting data on
 17 coffee plant production and health;

18 “(iv) investigating coffee plant biol-
 19 ogy, immunology, ecology, genomics, and
 20 bioinformatics; and

21 “(v) conducting research on—

22 “(I) factors that may contribute
 23 to or be associated with coffee plant
 24 immune systems;

1 “(II) other serious threats to cof-
 2 fee plants, including the sublethal ef-
 3 fects of insecticides, herbicides, and
 4 fungicides on insects and plants bene-
 5 ficial to coffee plant growth; and

6 “(III) the development of miti-
 7 gating and preventative measures to
 8 improve habitat conservation and best
 9 management practices in coffee-grow-
 10 ing regions.

11 “(B) DEFINITION OF NOXIOUS WEED;
 12 PLANT PEST.—In this paragraph, the terms
 13 ‘noxious weed’ and ‘plant pest’ have the mean-
 14 ings given those terms in section 403 of the
 15 Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7702).”.

16 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 17 1672(h) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
 18 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(h)) is amended by
 19 striking “2023” and inserting “2033”.

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