

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1454

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990
to establish a cacao tree health initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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Act of 1990 to establish a cacao tree health initiative,
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 “Cacao Tree Health
5 Initiative Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. CACAO TREE 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.
9 5925(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(21) CACAO TREE HEALTH INITIATIVE.—Re-
2 search and extension grants may be made under this
3 section for the purposes of—

4 “(A) developing and disseminating science-
5 based tools and treatments to combat plant
6 pests (as defined in section 403 of the Plant
7 Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7702)) that affect
8 cacao trees;

9 “(B) establishing an integrated pest man-
10 agement program for cacao trees in areas af-
11 fected by or at risk of being affected by such
12 pests;

13 “(C) surveying and collecting data on
14 cacao tree production, health, and markets;

15 “(D) investigating cacao tree biology, ecol-
16 ogy, genomics, and production systems;

17 “(E) conducting research on factors that
18 may contribute to, or be associated with, resil-
19 ient cacao production systems, including—

20 “(i) the selection and propagation of
21 cacao tree varieties that improve the mar-
22 ket advantage of cacao grown in the
23 United States; and

1 “(ii) best management practices in
2 cacao-growing regions under various cli-
3 mate conditions; and

4 “(F) conducting research on factors that
5 may contribute to, or be associated with, seri-
6 ous threats to cacao trees, including the sub-
7 lethal effects of insecticides, herbicides, and
8 fungicides on beneficial insects and cacao tree
9 growth.”.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
11 1672(h) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
12 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(h)) is amended by
13 striking “2023” and inserting “2034”.

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