

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1455

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide research and extension grants to support the study of insects and pests that impact plantains and bananas, 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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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 “Plantain and Banana
5 Plant Health Initiative Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLANTAIN AND BANANA PLANT HEALTH INITIA-**
2 **TIVE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1672(d) of the Food, Ag-
4 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
5 5925(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(21) PLANTAIN AND BANANA HEALTH INITIA-
7 TIVE.—Research and extension grants may be made
8 under this section for a term of not less than 5
9 years for the purposes of—

10 “(A) studying potential resistance and tol-
11 erance to nonnative diseases and insect pests;

12 “(B) increasing research for treatment of
13 pests that affect plantains and bananas, includ-
14 ing *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp.cubense, Tropical
15 Race 4;

16 “(C) conducting field studies to evaluate
17 plantain and banana cultivars with enhanced
18 resistance to diseases and pests, and adapt-
19 ability to tropical soils;

20 “(D) disseminating information and edu-
21 cating growers on best practices to promote
22 safe production of plantains and bananas; and

23 “(E) establishing an areawide integrated
24 pest management program in areas affected by,
25 or areas at risk of being affected by pests such

1 as *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp.cubense, Tropical
2 Race 4.”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 1672(h) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
5 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(h)) is amended by
6 striking “2023” and inserting “2027”.

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