

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3500

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide for high-priority research and extension grants for natural climate solutions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. WARREN) 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 “Natural Climate Solu-
5 tions Research and Extension Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION FOR**
2 **NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS.**

3 Section 1672(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
4 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(21) NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS.—Re-
7 search and extension grants may be made under this
8 section for the purpose of advancing land manage-
9 ment practices that store carbon or reduce green-
10 house gas emissions in agricultural lands and soils,
11 grasslands, wetlands, and forests, including practices
12 that—

13 “(A) are based on traditional ecological
14 knowledge;

15 “(B) promote biodiversity and climate
16 change resilience; and

17 “(C) reduce runoff.”.

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