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H. R. 2517

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve assistance to community wood facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2025

Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Community Wood Fa-
5 cilities Assistance Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY WOOD FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 9013 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
8 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8113) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**EN-**
2 **ERGY AND WOOD INNOVATION**” and inserting
3 “**FACILITIES GRANT**”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)(iii), in the matter
6 preceding subelause (I), by striking “woody bio-
7 mass, including” and inserting “primarily forest
8 biomass, including processing or manufac-
9 turing”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “Energy
11 and Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities
12 Grant”;

13 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “Energy and
14 Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities Grant”;

15 (4) in subsection (c)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “35” and
17 inserting “50”;

18 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

19 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
20 paragraph (2);

21 (5) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
22 paragraph (1), by striking “exceed—” and all that
23 follows through “\$1,500,000.” and inserting “exceed
24 \$5,000,000.”;

25 (6) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

2 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
3 through (8) as paragraphs (1) through (7), re-
4 spectively; and

5 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so redesignated),
6 by inserting “or market competitiveness” after
7 “cost effectiveness”;

8 (7) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
11 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

12 (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),
13 by striking “use or retrofitting (or both) of ex-
14 isting sawmill” and inserting “construction,
15 use, or retrofitting of forest products manufac-
16 turing”;

17 (8) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “5
19 megawatts of thermal energy or combined ther-
20 mal and electric energy” and inserting “15
21 megawatts of thermal energy”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “25 per-
23 cent” and inserting “50 percent”; and

24 (9) in subsection (h), by striking “\$25,000,000
25 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-

1 serting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
2 through 2030”.

3 **SEC. 3. WOOD INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
5 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7655d) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INNO-**
7 **VATION**” and inserting “**INNOVATIONS**”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
10 “**INCENTIVIZING USE OF EXISTING MILLING**”
11 and inserting “**EXPANDING FOREST PRODUCTS**
12 **MANUFACTURING**”; and

13 (B) by striking “use or retrofitting (or
14 both) of existing sawmill” and inserting “con-
15 struction, use, or retrofitting for forest products
16 manufacturing”; and

17 (3) in subsection (d), by inserting “50 percent
18 of” before “the amount”.

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