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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out research and development with respect to winter canola, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself, Mr. STRONG, and Mr. MANN) 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 “Winter Canola Study
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES AND FINDINGS.**

7 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are the fol-
8 lowing:

9 (1) To ensure the continued growth of clean
10 and sustainable feedstocks, supported by new crop

1 insurance products that recognize double-cropping
2 systems.

3 (2) To recognize the importance and regionality
4 characteristics of winter canola grown rotationally or
5 as a double-crop and the economic and environ-
6 mental benefits to producers.

7 (3) To recognize that by investing in lower car-
8 bon-intensity renewable fuels, such as those pro-
9 duced from winter canola crops, the United States
10 can provide sustainable fuels, create jobs, enhance
11 our rural communities, and bolster our national se-
12 curity.

13 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

14 (1) Winter Canola improves farm economics.

15 (2) Oil from winter canola is a source of renew-
16 able energy as a feedstock for biodiesel, renewable
17 diesel, and jet biofuel.

18 (3) Winter canola oil-based renewable fuels re-
19 duce greenhouse gas emissions by over 50 percent
20 compared to conventional fuels.

21 (4) Expanding winter canola production will
22 provide additional feedstock to meet growing renew-
23 able fuel demand without bringing new land into
24 production.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF INCLUSION OF CERTAIN OILSEED CROPS**
 2 **UNDER DOUBLE AND ROTATIONAL CROP-**
 3 **PING POLICIES.**

4 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
 5 4 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
 6 following:

7 “(20) DOUBLE CROPPING AND ROTATIONAL
 8 CROPPING OF CERTAIN OILSEED CROPS.—

9 “(A) DEFINITION OF COVERED OILSEED
 10 CROPS.—In this paragraph, the term ‘covered
 11 oilseed crops’ means rapeseed and canola crops
 12 that—

13 “(i) require a period of cold tempera-
 14 tures (vernalization) before the plants will
 15 produce flowers and seeds; and

16 “(ii) are planted and harvested on
 17 land that would otherwise be idle in a rota-
 18 tion pattern.

19 “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—
 20 The Corporation shall carry out research and
 21 development, or offer to enter into 1 or more
 22 contracts with 1 or more qualified persons to
 23 carry out research and development, with re-
 24 spect to the inclusion of covered oilseed crops
 25 under double cropping and rotational cropping
 26 policies.

1 “(C) REQUIREMENTS.—The research and
2 development carried out pursuant to subpara-
3 graph (B) shall be conducted in consultation
4 with stakeholders to evaluate—

5 “(i) the factors impacting availability
6 and cost of crop insurance when incor-
7 porating covered oilseed crops into double
8 cropping and rotational cropping policies;
9 and

10 “(ii) the potential risk management
11 benefits associated with incorporating cov-
12 ered oilseed crops into double cropping and
13 rotational cropping policies, including risk
14 management benefits to soil health, bio-
15 diversity, and the profitability of farming
16 operations.

17 “(D) EMPHASIS.—In awarding contracts
18 under subparagraph (B), the Corporation may
19 place emphasis on qualified persons that—

20 “(i) have previous research experience
21 with covered oilseed crops; and

22 “(ii) have access to a facility with the
23 capacity to carry out the applicable re-
24 search.”.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**
2 **RESEARCH ON SUPPLEMENTAL AND ALTER-**
3 **NATIVE CROPS.**

4 Section 1473D of the Food and Agriculture Act of
5 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319d) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)(3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking
8 “and” at the end;

9 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as
10 subparagraph (G); and

11 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
12 the following:

13 “(F) to examine potential benefits and opportu-
14 nities for supplemental and alternative crops (includ-
15 ing winter rapeseed and winter canola); and”; and

16 (2) in subsection (e),

17 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
18 the end;

19 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
20 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(4) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
23 through 2029.”.

24 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

25 Not later than 13 months after the date of enactment
26 of this Act, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee

1 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the
2 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the
3 Senate a report that describes—

4 (1) the results of the research and development
5 carried out under the amendments made by section
6 3; and

7 (2) any recommendations with respect to those
8 results.

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