

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4133

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2025

Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. FIGURES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “EQIP Improvement  
5       Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM**  
7       **REFORMS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1240B of the Food Secu-  
9       rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (2)  
2           and inserting the following:

3           “(2) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—A payment  
4           to a producer for performing a practice may not ex-  
5           ceed, as determined by the Secretary—

6                   “(A) except as provided in subparagraphs  
7                   (B) through (D), 75 percent of the costs associ-  
8                   ated with planning, design, materials, equip-  
9                   ment, installation, labor, management, mainte-  
10                  nance, or training;

11                  “(B) 40 percent of the costs associated  
12                  with planning, design, materials, equipment, in-  
13                  stallation, labor, management, maintenance, or  
14                  training for—

15                          “(i) an access road;

16                          “(ii) an animal mortality facility;

17                          “(iii) an aquaculture pond;

18                          “(iv) clearing and snagging;

19                          “(v) a dam;

20                          “(vi) a dam using a diversion;

21                          “(vii) a dike;

22                          “(viii) a diversion;

23                          “(ix) a fish raceway or tank;

24                          “(x) an irrigation pipeline;

25                          “(xi) an irrigation reservoir;

- 1 “(xii) land clearing;  
2 “(xiii) land smoothing;  
3 “(xiv) a livestock pipeline;  
4 “(xv) obstruction removal;  
5 “(xvi) a pond;  
6 “(xvii) a pumping plant;  
7 “(xviii) spoil spreading;  
8 “(xix) a surface drain using a field  
9 ditch;  
10 “(xx) a main or lateral surface drain;  
11 “(xxi) a vertical drain;  
12 “(xxii) a waste facility closure;  
13 “(xxiii) a waste storage facility;  
14 “(xxiv) waste transfer; or  
15 “(xxv) a waste treatment lagoon;  
16 “(C) 100 percent of income foregone by  
17 the producer; or  
18 “(D) in the case of a practice that includes  
19 1 or more elements described in subparagraphs  
20 (A) through (C)—  
21 “(i) 75 percent of the costs incurred  
22 with respect to any elements described in  
23 subparagraph (A);

1 “(ii) 40 percent of the costs incurred  
 2 with respect to any elements described in  
 3 subparagraph (B); and

4 “(iii) 100 percent of the income for-  
 5 gone with respect to any elements de-  
 6 scribed in subparagraph (C).”; and

7 (2) in subsection (f), by striking the subsection  
 8 designation and heading and all that follows through  
 9 “For each” in paragraph (2)(B) and inserting the  
 10 following:

11 “(f) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE HABI-  
 12 TAT.—For each”.

13 (b) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—Section 1240G of  
 14 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–7) is  
 15 amended by striking “\$450,000” and inserting  
 16 “\$150,000”.

17 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Section 1240B of the  
 18 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2) is  
 19 amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(k) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less fre-  
 21 quently than once each year, the Secretary shall submit  
 22 to Congress a report describing—

23 “(1) the amount obligated under the program  
 24 with respect to each category of practice, with infor-  
 25 mation categorized by fiscal year and State; and

1           “(2) the amount obligated under the program  
2           in each State, with information categorized by fiscal  
3           year and the size of the operation of each pro-  
4           ducer.”.

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