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To establish the Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Advancement Commission in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, 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 “BECCS Advancement
5 Commission Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. BIOENERGY WITH CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE**
2 **ADVANCEMENT COMMISSION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
4 Department of Agriculture a commission to be known as
5 the “Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Ad-
6 vancement Commission” or the “BECCS Advancement
7 Commission”.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-
9 posed of the following members:

10 (1) The Under Secretary of Agriculture for
11 Rural Development.

12 (2) The Chief of the Forest Service, or a des-
13 ignee of the Chief under the supervision of the
14 Chief.

15 (3) The Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
16 agement, or a designee of the Director under the su-
17 pervision of the Director.

18 (4) The Director of the Bioenergy Technologies
19 Office of the Department of Energy, or a designee
20 of the Director under the supervision of the Direc-
21 tor.

22 (5) A representative of the National Association
23 of State Foresters.

24 (6) A representative from the commercial tim-
25 ber industry.

1 (7) A representative of the National Association
2 of State Energy Officials.

3 (8) 4 representatives from the BECCS indus-
4 try.

5 (9) At least 1, and not more than 2, represent-
6 atives of counties receiving Federal funds under the
7 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
8 mination Act of 2000.

9 (c) APPOINTMENT.—Within 180 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall appoint—

11 (1) each member described in paragraphs (5)
12 through (7) of subsection (b), in consultation with
13 the organization concerned;

14 (2) each member described in subsection (b)(8),
15 in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior
16 and the Secretary of Energy; and

17 (3) each member described in subsection (b)(9),
18 from—

19 (A) nominations submitted to the Sec-
20 retary by the counties described in the sub-
21 section or the States in which the counties are
22 located; and

23 (B) a different State than the other such
24 member, if the Secretary appoints more than 1
25 such member.

1 (d) CHAIR.—Subject to subsection (e), the Under
2 Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall
3 serve as—

4 (1) the chair of the Commission; and

5 (2) the designated officer or employee of the
6 Federal Government for purposes of section 1009(e)
7 of title 5, United States Code.

8 (e) REMOVAL; VACANCIES.—

9 (1) REMOVAL.—The Secretary may remove a
10 member described in paragraphs (5) through (9) of
11 subsection (b) only for cause.

12 (2) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR IF UNDER SEC-
13 RETARY IS UNAVAILABLE.—If the position of Under
14 Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development is
15 vacant, the Secretary may appoint a member de-
16 scribed in paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection
17 (b) to serve in the roles described in subsection (d)
18 during the vacancy.

19 (3) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commis-
20 sion—

21 (A) shall not affect the powers of the Com-
22 mission; and

23 (B) shall be filled in the same manner as
24 the original appointment.

25 (f) MEETINGS.—

1 (1) INITIAL MEETING.—Within 30 days after
2 all members of the Commission have been appointed,
3 the Commission shall hold the first meeting of the
4 Commission.

5 (2) FREQUENCY.—The Commission shall meet
6 not less frequently than once every 90 days.

7 (3) TYPE.—The Commission may hold meet-
8 ings, and a member of the Commission may partici-
9 pate in a meeting through teleconference, video con-
10 ference, or similar means.

11 (4) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
12 the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a
13 lesser number of members may hold hearings.

14 (g) DUTIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall make
16 policy recommendations and metrics for the improve-
17 ment of Federal policy with respect to—

18 (A) the development and implementation of
19 systems or power plants utilizing bioenergy with
20 carbon capture and storage throughout the
21 United States; and

22 (B) the benefits of a growing BECCS in-
23 dustry on surrounding communities, forest
24 health, and wildfire management in the United
25 States.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 1 year after the date of the first meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the following:

(A) Policy recommendations, taking into account short-term and long-term goals, for the modernization and expansion of the use of systems or power plants utilizing bioenergy with carbon capture and storage in the United States, including with respect to—

(i) the effect of deployment of the systems or power plants on job growth in local communities;

(ii) energy costs;

(iii) energy reliability;

(iv) strengthening the domestic energy supply chain; and

(v) meeting the energy demands of artificial intelligence infrastructure and data centers.

(B) Metrics to quantitatively assess the benefits of systems or power plants utilizing bioenergy with carbon capture and storage with respect to—

(i) domestic forest health;

- 1 (ii) wildfire mitigation;
- 2 (iii) clean energy production; and
- 3 (iv) economic development of the for-
- 4 estry sector.

5 (C) Identification of Federal policies to fa-
6 cilitate the development of systems or power
7 plants utilizing bioenergy with carbon capture
8 and storage in the United States.

9 (D) Recommendations with respect to leg-
10 islative and regulatory changes to facilitate the
11 use of biomass from federally managed lands,
12 consistent with wildfire and wildlife manage-
13 ment objectives for such lands, for systems or
14 power plants utilizing bioenergy with carbon
15 capture and storage, including—

16 (i) streamlined biomass offtake con-
17 tracts; and

18 (ii) interagency coordination between
19 Federal land managers and the BECCS in-
20 dustry.

21 (E) Any other recommendation or metric
22 consistent with paragraph (1).

23 (3) INTERIM REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The
24 Commission may submit to the appropriate congres-
25 sional committees, at the sole discretion of the Com-

1 mission, 1 or more interim reports relating to any
2 matter described in paragraph (2).

3 (h) POWERS.—

4 (1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold
5 such hearings, sit and act at such times and places,
6 take such testimony, and receive such evidence as
7 the Commission considers advisable to carry out this
8 Act.

9 (2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may
11 secure directly from a Federal department or
12 agency such information as the Commission
13 considers necessary to carry out this Act.

14 (B) FURNISHING INFORMATION.—On re-
15 quest of the chair of the Commission, the head
16 of the department or agency shall furnish the
17 information to the Commission.

18 (3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may
19 use the United States mails in the same manner and
20 under the same conditions as other departments and
21 agencies of the Federal Government.

22 (4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use,
23 or dispose of such gifts or donations of services or
24 property as the Commission considers necessary to
25 carry out this Act.

1 (i) COMPENSATION; TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member
2 of the Commission shall—

3 (1) serve without compensation; and

4 (2) be allowed travel expenses, including per
5 diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for
6 employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter
7 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from
8 their homes or regular places of business in the per-
9 formance of services for the Commission.

10 (j) PERSONNEL.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—To assist the Commission in
12 carrying out this Act, the chair of the Commission
13 may, without regard to the civil service laws (includ-
14 ing regulations), appoint and terminate—

15 (A) an executive director, subject to the
16 approval of the Commission; and

17 (B) such other additional personnel as may
18 be determined necessary by the chair of the
19 Commission.

20 (2) COMPENSATION.—The chair of the Commis-
21 sion may fix the compensation of the personnel ap-
22 pointed under this subsection without regard to
23 chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title
24 5, United States Code, relating to classification of
25 positions and General Schedule pay rates, except

1 that the rate of pay for the personnel may not ex-
2 ceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive
3 Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

4 (3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—On
5 the request of the chair of the Commission, the head
6 of any Federal department or agency may detail, on
7 a nonreimbursable basis, any of the personnel of
8 that department or agency to the Commission to as-
9 sist the Commission in carrying out this Act, and
10 such detail shall be without interruption or loss of
11 civil service status or privilege.

12 (4) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTER-
13 MITTENT SERVICES.—The chair of the Commission
14 may procure temporary or intermittent services
15 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code,
16 at rates for individuals that do not exceed the daily
17 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed
18 for level V of the Executive Schedule under section
19 5316 of such title.

20 (k) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
21 on the date that is 180 days after the Commission submits
22 the report pursuant to subsection (g)(2).

23 (l) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, in consultation
24 with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
25 Energy, may prescribe regulations to carry out this Act.

1 (m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
3 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
4 mittees” means—

5 (A) the Committee on Agriculture of the
6 House of Representatives;

7 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
8 of the House of Representatives;

9 (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
10 merce of the House of Representatives;

11 (D) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
12 tion, and Forestry of the Senate; and

13 (E) the Committee on Energy and Natural
14 Resources of the Senate.

15 (2) BECCS INDUSTRY.—The term “BECCS in-
16 dustry” shall have the meaning given the term under
17 a rule or regulation prescribed under subsection (1).

18 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
19 means the Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Stor-
20 age Advancement Commission established under
21 subsection (a).

22 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of Agriculture.

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