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# H. R. 6287

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve the Rural Energy for America Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. VALADAO) 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 “Rural Energy for  
5 America Program Modernization Act of 2025” or the  
6 “REAP Modernization Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9007 of the Farm Secu-  
9 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107)  
10 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and  
3 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,  
4 and indenting appropriately;

5 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
6 (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “The Sec-  
7 retary” and inserting the following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

9 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), in  
10 the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so  
11 redesignated), by inserting “(referred to in this  
12 section as the ‘Program’)” after “Program”;  
13 and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) CLIMATE BENEFITS.—In carrying out the  
16 Program, the Secretary shall promote the reduction  
17 of greenhouse gas emissions as a result of carrying  
18 out projects funded by grants and other financial as-  
19 sistance under the Program.”;

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
23 “and” at the end;

24 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
25 (E) as subparagraph (G); and

1 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph

2 (D) the following:

3 “(E) a producer cooperative;

4 “(F) a nongovernmental organization;

5 and”;

6 (B) in paragraph (3)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking

8 “and” at the end;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking

10 the period at the end and inserting “;

11 and”;

12 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

13 lowing:

14 “(G) the potential of the proposed program

15 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide

16 other climate benefits.”; and

17 (C) in paragraph (4)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (B), by redesignating

19 clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I)

20 and (II), respectively, and indenting appro-

21 priately;

22 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs

23 (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-

24 tively, and indenting appropriately;

1 (iii) in the matter preceding clause (i)  
2 (as so redesignated), by striking “A recipi-  
3 ent” and inserting the following:

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A recipient”; and

5 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(B) GRANT OPTIONS.—A grant awarded  
8 under paragraph (1) may be used to carry out  
9 1 or more of the activities described in subpara-  
10 graph (A).”;

11 (3) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by adding after  
13 and below the end the following:

14 “The Secretary may, on a limited case-by-case  
15 basis, provide financial assistance described in  
16 this subparagraph to agricultural producer co-  
17 operatives and rural electric cooperatives that  
18 do not otherwise qualify for the assistance.”;

19 (B) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
21 “and” at the end;

22 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
23 (G) as subparagraph (H); and

24 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
25 (F) the following:

1           “(G) the potential of the renewable energy  
2           system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and  
3           result in other climate benefits; and”;

4           (C) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “25  
5           percent” and inserting “50 percent”;

6           (4) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and  
7           (f) as subsections (e), (f), and (i), respectively;

8           (5) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
9           lowing:

10          “(d) STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS.—The  
11          Secretary shall develop a streamlined application process,  
12          including within each tier described in subsection (c)(4),  
13          under which an entity may apply for a grant under sub-  
14          section (b), financial assistance under subsection (c), or  
15          a bundled application for a project with components eligi-  
16          ble under clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (c)(1)(A).”;

17          (6) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated)—

18                 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
19                 “OUTREACH” and inserting “OUTREACH,  
20                 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND EDUCATION”;

21                 (B) by striking “that adequate” and in-  
22                 serting the following: “that—

23                 “(1) adequate”;

1 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by  
2 striking the period at the end and inserting a  
3 semicolon; and

4 (D) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2) technical assistance is provided to entities  
6 seeking to apply for a grant or financial assistance  
7 under the Program; and

8 “(3) outreach, technical assistance, and edu-  
9 cation is provided to recipients of grants and other  
10 financial assistance under the Program relating to  
11 integrating renewable energy projects on land shared  
12 with crops or livestock.”;

13 (7) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated), in  
14 paragraph (1), by striking “\$20,000” and inserting  
15 “\$50,000”;

16 (8) by inserting after subsection (f) (as so re-  
17 designated) the following:

18 “(g) STUDY.—

19 “(1) DEFINITION OF DUAL-USE ENERGY SYS-  
20 TEM.—In this subsection, the term ‘dual-use energy  
21 system’ means a system under which renewable en-  
22 ergy production and agricultural production, includ-  
23 ing crop or animal production, occur together on the  
24 same piece of land.

1           “(2) STUDY.—The Secretary shall carry out a  
2           study on dual-use energy systems.

3           “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the  
4           date of enactment of the REAP Modernization Act  
5           of 2025, the Secretary shall submit to Congress, and  
6           make publicly available online, a report on the re-  
7           sults of the study carried out under paragraph (2),  
8           which shall include a recommendation as to whether  
9           the scope of grants and other financial assistance  
10          under the Program should be expanded to cover  
11          projects that generate more energy without signifi-  
12          cantly impacting farm operations or leading to the  
13          conversion of existing farm land.

14          “(h) ENERGY GENERATED.—In the case of a project  
15          funded by a grant or other financial assistance provided  
16          under the Program that takes place on a property on  
17          which a residence is closely associated with and shares an  
18          energy metering device with an agricultural operation or  
19          rural small business to be served by the project, there shall  
20          not be any requirement imposed relating to the quantity  
21          of energy generated by the project that must be used by  
22          the agricultural operation or rural small business.”; and

23                  (9) in subsection (i) (as so redesignated), by  
24          adding at the end the following:

1           “(4) OUTREACH, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND  
2 EDUCATION.—Of the funds made available to carry  
3 out this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall  
4 use not more than 8 percent to carry out subsection  
5 (e).

6           “(5) RESERVE FUND.—

7           “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established a  
8 reserve fund (referred to in this paragraph as  
9 the ‘reserve fund’), into which, each fiscal year,  
10 not less than 15 percent of the funds made  
11 available under paragraphs (1) and (3) to carry  
12 out this section for that fiscal year shall be  
13 transferred.

14           “(B) USE OF RESERVE FUND.—After all  
15 other funds for the Program are obligated for  
16 a fiscal year, the Secretary may use amounts in  
17 the reserve fund to provide grants and other fi-  
18 nancial assistance under the Program for  
19 projects using underutilized renewable energy  
20 technologies.

21           “(C) UNUSED FUNDS.—If there are re-  
22 maining funds in the reserve fund at the end of  
23 a fiscal year, the Secretary shall use those re-  
24 maining funds to provide grants and other fi-  
25 nancial assistance under the Program without

1           regard to whether the grants or financial assist-  
2           ance relate to underutilized renewable energy  
3           technologies.”.

4           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 9007 of  
5 the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7  
6 U.S.C. 8107) is amended by striking “subsection (f)” each  
7 place it appears and inserting “subsection (i)”.

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