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S. 3851

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to ensure adequate staffing and resources for the Institute of Tropical Forestry and the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Ms. HIRONO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. INSTITUTES OF TROPICAL FORESTRY AND PA-**
4 **CIFIC ISLANDS FORESTRY.**

5 Section 2407 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
6 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6706) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
 2 **PACIFIC ISLANDS FORESTRY**” after “**TROPICAL**
 3 **FORESTRY**”;

4 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), in
 5 the second sentence, by striking “The Institutes”
 6 and inserting the following:

7 “(b) **ACTIVITIES.**—The Institutes”;

8 (3) in the matter preceding subsection (b) (as
 9 so designated), by striking “The Secretary” and in-
 10 serting the following:

11 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary”; and

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

13 “(c) **STAFFING AND RESOURCES.**—The Secretary
 14 shall ensure that—

15 “(1) the Institute of Tropical Forestry in Puer-
 16 to Rico has a staff of not fewer than 50 individuals
 17 and adequate resources to credibly and substantially
 18 advance the science, research, demonstration, and
 19 knowledge exchange relating to the activities de-
 20 scribed in subsection (b); and

21 “(2) the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry
 22 has a staff of not fewer than 30 individuals and ade-
 23 quate resources to credibly and substantially ad-
 24 vance the science, research, demonstration, and

- 1 knowledge exchange relating to the activities de-
- 2 scribed in subsection (b).”.

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