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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Native American Seeds
3 Protection Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH GRANTS FOR PURPOSES OF PROTEC-**
5 **TION AND PRESERVATION OF NATIVE AMER-**
6 **ICAN SEEDS.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subtitle C of the National Agri-
8 cultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
9 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3151 et seq.) is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 1419C. RESEARCH GRANTS FOR PURPOSES OF PRO-**
12 **TECTION AND PRESERVATION OF NATIVE**
13 **AMERICAN SEEDS.**

14 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Consistent with this section, the
15 Secretary may make grants, competitive grants, and spe-
16 cial research grants to, and enter into cooperative agree-
17 ments and other contracting instruments with, eligible en-
18 tities to conduct research and education and training pro-
19 grams that are objective, operationally independent, and
20 external to the Federal Government and that concern the
21 purity of Native American seeds (as defined by the Sec-
22 retary, in consultation with Indian tribes).

23 “(b) **COOPERATION REQUIRED.**—Grant applications
24 submitted by an eligible entity under this section shall cer-
25 tify that the research to be conducted will be performed

1 under a cooperative agreement with at least one other
2 qualified research entity.

3 “(c) ACTIVITIES.—Under this section, funding may
4 be provided to conduct—

5 “(1) research to assess the direct and indirect
6 impacts of—

7 “(A) public law and policies on traditional
8 ways of life and cultural practices relating to
9 the harvesting and cultivating of Native Amer-
10 ican seeds; and

11 “(B) contaminants that compromise the
12 integrity and purity of Native American seeds;
13 and

14 “(2) education and training programs on—

15 “(A) the methods necessary to conduct the
16 research described in paragraph (1); and

17 “(B) the best methods to continuously test,
18 monitor, and otherwise protect the purity of
19 Native American seeds.

20 “(d) REPORT.—Beginning not later than one year
21 after the date of the enactment of this section, and each
22 year thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
23 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and
24 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of
25 the Senate a report that contains—

1 “(1) the results of any research conducted
2 under this section;

3 “(2) the effectiveness of any education and
4 training programs conducted under this section in
5 enabling eligible entities to ensure the purity of Na-
6 tive American seeds; and

7 “(3) any recommendations of the Secretary to
8 improve the effectiveness of such education and
9 training programs.

10 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
12 tity’ means—

13 “(A) a 1994 Institution (as defined in sec-
14 tion 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-
15 Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note));
16 or

17 “(B) an Indian tribe.

18 “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’
19 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the
20 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
21 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

22 “(3) QUALIFIED RESEARCH ENTITY.—The term
23 ‘qualified research entity’ means an entity with a
24 demonstrated capacity and infrastructure necessary

1 to carry out agricultural research projects, includ-
2 ing—

3 “(A) a State agricultural experiment sta-
4 tion;

5 “(B) a college or university (including a
6 1994 Institution);

7 “(C) another research institution or orga-
8 nization;

9 “(D) a private organization;

10 “(E) a corporation; or

11 “(F) an individual.”

12 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
14 issue regulations to carry out section 1419C of the Na-
15 tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching
16 Policy Act of 1977, as added by subsection (a), including
17 regulations to define the term “Native American seed” as
18 specified in subsection (a) of such section 1419C.

19 **SEC. 3. DEVELOPING SEED STORAGE FACILITIES TO PRE-**
20 **SERVE AND PROTECT NATIVE AMERICAN**
21 **SEEDS.**

22 Section 306 (a)(19)(A) of the Consolidated Farm and
23 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19)(A)) is
24 amended by inserting “, including the expansion, construc-
25 tion, and infrastructure costs associated with developing

1 seed storage facilities that are used to protect and preserve
2 Native American seeds (as defined by the Secretary pursu-
3 ant to section 1419C of the National Agricultural Re-
4 search, Education, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977)” be-
5 fore the period at the end.

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