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# S. 3586

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency payments to dairy producers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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. EMERGENCY PAYMENTS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
5       date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
6       (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall issue  
7       emergency payments to dairy producers according to cri-  
8       teria developed by the Secretary under subsection (b).

9       (b) CRITERIA.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop  
2 criteria for the issuance of emergency payments  
3 under subsection (a).

4           (2) PRIORITY.—In developing criteria under  
5 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

6           (A) give priority to a dairy producer—

7                 (i) located in a State with a high cost  
8 of dairy production compared to other  
9 States; or

10                (ii) on a farm with a high cost of  
11 dairy production based on the size of the  
12 farm, as determined by the Secretary; and

13           (B) in carrying out subparagraph (A), use  
14 the most current estimates of the Economic Re-  
15 search Service for the cost of milk production  
16 by State and nationwide.

17           (c) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—An emergency payment  
18 under subsection (a) shall be not less than \$10,000 but  
19 not greater than \$20,000 per dairy operation.

20           (d) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Cred-  
21 it Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this  
22 section \$556,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, to remain avail-  
23 able until expended.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.**

2 (a) STATUTORY PAYGO.—This Act is designated as  
3 an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the  
4 Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

5 (b) SENATE DESIGNATION.—In the Senate, this Act  
6 is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to  
7 section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the  
8 concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

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