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# S. 3637

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Mr. WYDEN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local School Foods  
5 Expansion Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTICALLY**  
2 **GROWN UNPROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETA-**  
3 **BLES.**

4 Section 6(f) of the Richard B. Russell National  
5 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(f)) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
7 “PILOT PROJECT FOR PROCUREMENT OF” and in-  
8 serting “PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMES-  
9 TICALLY GROWN”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “pilot project” and insert-  
12 ing “program (referred to in this subsection as  
13 the ‘program’)”;

14 (B) by striking “conduct” and inserting  
15 “carry out”;

16 (C) by inserting “domestically grown” be-  
17 fore “unprocessed”; and

18 (D) by striking “more than 8” and insert-  
19 ing “less than 15”;

20 (3) by striking “pilot project” each place it ap-  
21 pears and inserting “program”;

22 (4) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding  
23 subparagraph (A), by inserting “domestically  
24 grown” before “unprocessed”;

25 (5) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the  
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) the demonstrated ability of the States  
7 to competitively procure domestically grown un-  
8 processed fruits and vegetables.”;

9 (6) in paragraph (5)—

10 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
11 “RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING” and in-  
12 serting “RECORDKEEPING, REPORTING, AND  
13 EVALUATION”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

15 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at  
16 the end;

17 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-  
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 “(iii) the challenges and opportunities  
22 presented by the program in the State.”;  
23 and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(C) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2  
2 years after the date of enactment of this  
3 subparagraph, the Secretary shall evaluate  
4 the impact of the program, including with  
5 respect to—

6                   “(I) the quantity and cost of  
7 each type of unprocessed fruit and  
8 vegetable procured by each State  
9 under the program;

10                   “(II) the benefit of the procured  
11 unprocessed fruits and vegetables to  
12 school food service in each State, in-  
13 cluding the benefit to meeting school  
14 meal requirements; and

15                   “(III) the economic impact of the  
16 program on agricultural producers in  
17 the State.

18           “(ii) REPORT.—Not later than 4  
19 years after the date of enactment of this  
20 subparagraph, the Secretary shall submit  
21 to the Committee on Agriculture of the  
22 House of Representatives and the Com-  
23 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-  
24 estry of the Senate a report that describes  
25 the results of the evaluation conducted

1 under clause (i) and an analysis of that  
2 evaluation.”; and

3 (7) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) FUNDING.—

5 “(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—There is ap-  
6 propriated to carry out this subsection  
7 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019  
8 through 2023.

9 “(B) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-  
10 priated under subparagraph (A) for each fiscal  
11 year, \$10,000,000 shall be reserved for States  
12 selected under the program under paragraph  
13 (1) to carry out the activities described in sub-  
14 paragraph (C)(i).

15 “(C) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TECHNICAL  
16 ASSISTANCE.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The funds re-  
18 served under subparagraph (B) shall be  
19 used—

20 “(I) for the administrative costs  
21 of carrying out the program; and

22 “(II) to provide technical assist-  
23 ance and outreach to vendors to be-  
24 come certified to participate in the  
25 program.

1                   “(ii) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—Of the  
2 funds reserved under subparagraph (B),  
3 each State selected under paragraph  
4 (3)(A) shall receive not less than \$300,000  
5 for each fiscal year during which the State  
6 participates in the program.”.

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