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H. R. 6880

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to award grants to promote the domestic hardwood industry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Mr. TIFFANY (for himself and Ms. KUSTER) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hardwood Products
5 Access and Development Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HARDWOOD PRODUCTS ACCESS AND DEVELOP-**
7 **MENT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in
9 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may award
10 grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to pro-

1 mote the domestic hardwood industry through the fol-
2 lowing activities:

3 (1) Research related to the low carbon foot-
4 print, carbon storage capacity, and resource sustain-
5 ability of domestically produced hardwood products.

6 (2) Promotion of research and education related
7 to domestically produced hardwood products.

8 (3) Promotion of the low carbon footprint, car-
9 bon storage capacity, and resource sustainability of
10 the domestic hardwood industry.

11 (4) Market promotion of domestically produced
12 hardwood products.

13 (5) Consumer market research related to do-
14 mestically produced hardwood products.

15 (6) Demonstration projects demonstrating the
16 natural qualities, low carbon footprint, carbon stor-
17 age capacity, and resource sustainability of domesti-
18 cally harvested hardwood and domestically produced
19 hardwood products.

20 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity is eligible to re-
21 ceive a grant under subsection (a) if such entity is 1 of
22 the following:

23 (1) A State.

24 (2) A nonprofit organization representing the
25 domestic hardwood products industry.

1 (3) An institution of higher education (as de-
2 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

4 (4) A nonprofit research institution.

5 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To receive a grant under sub-
6 section (a), an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
7 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
8 taining such information as the Secretary may require, in-
9 cluding—

10 (1) a description of the activities to be sup-
11 ported using the grant funds;

12 (2) a description of the goals that the eligible
13 entity intends to achieve as a result of supporting
14 such activities; and

15 (3) an estimate of the increase in hardwood
16 production or consumer awareness that the eligible
17 entity anticipates will occur as a result of supporting
18 such activities.

19 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
20 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

21 (e) NO PREEMPTION OF STATE OR TRIBAL LAWS.—
22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to preempt any
23 law (including a law regarding liability) of a State or In-
24 dian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-

1 termination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
2 5304)).

3 (f) DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED HARDWOOD PROD-
4 UCT DEFINED.—The term “domestically produced hard-
5 wood product” means a domestically produced product
6 that is 90 percent by volume domestically sourced hard-
7 wood material.

8 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
10 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.

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