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S. 4018

To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the Commission on Farm Transitions–Needs for 2050, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2024

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. BRAUN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Farm Transitions Act
5 of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION ON FARM TRANSITIONS—NEEDS FOR**
2 **2050.**

3 Section 12609 of the Agriculture Improvement Act
4 of 2018 (Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 5009) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “There is es-
7 tablished” and inserting “Not later than 60 days
8 after the date of enactment of the Farm Transitions
9 Act of 2024, the Secretary shall establish”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
12 “AND RECOMMENDATIONS” after “STUDY”;

13 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
14 by inserting “, and make recommendations re-
15 lating to,” after “study on”;

16 (C) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
18 “and timely” after “affordable”; and

19 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D) and
20 inserting the following:

21 “(D) apprenticeships, mentoring programs,
22 business training, and technical assistance pro-
23 grams;”;

24 (D) in paragraph (2), by striking “this
25 Act” and inserting “the Farm Transitions Act
26 of 2024”;

1 (E) in paragraph (3)—

2 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
3 graph (A), by striking “existing and new
4 Federal tax policies” and inserting “exist-
5 ing and new State and Federal policies, in-
6 cluding tax policies”; and

7 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
8 “or impede” after “facilitate”;

9 (F) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (G) in paragraph (5)—

12 (i) by striking “this Act” and insert-
13 ing “the Farm Transitions Act of 2024”;
14 and

15 (ii) by striking the period at the end
16 and inserting a semicolon; and

17 (H) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(6) heirs’ property and succession of agricul-
19 tural land;

20 “(7) any unique barriers faced by farmers and
21 ranchers in the ability to transfer, inherit, or pur-
22 chase agricultural assets, including land; and

23 “(8) leasing and ownership trends, including
24 leasing and ownership trends by foreign persons or
25 entities.”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “this Act”
2 and inserting “the Farm Transitions Act of 2024”;

3 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “1 year after
4 the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “2
5 years after the date of enactment of the Farm Tran-
6 sitions Act of 2024”;

7 (5) in subsection (l), by striking “Sections 9
8 and 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
9 U.S.C. App.)” and inserting “Sections 1008 and
10 1013 of title 5, United States Code,”; and

11 (6) in subsection (m), by striking “2023” and
12 inserting “2028”.

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