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# H. R. 2517

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve assistance to community wood facilities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2025

Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve assistance to community wood facilities, and for other purposes.

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 “Community Wood Fa-  
5 cilities Assistance Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY WOOD FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 9013 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-  
8 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8113) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**ENERGY AND WOOD INNOVATION**” and inserting “**FACILITIES GRANT**”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)(iii), in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “woody biomass, including” and inserting “primarily forest biomass, including processing or manufacturing”; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “Energy and Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities Grant”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking “Energy and Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities Grant”;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “35” and inserting “50”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

(5) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “exceed—” and all that follows through “\$1,500,000.” and inserting “exceed \$5,000,000.”;

(6) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

2 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
3 through (8) as paragraphs (1) through (7), re-  
4 spectively; and

5 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so redesignated),  
6 by inserting “or market competitiveness” after  
7 “cost effectiveness”;  
8 (7) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and  
11 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

12 (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),  
13 by striking “use or retrofitting (or both) of ex-  
14 isting sawmill” and inserting “construction,  
15 use, or retrofitting of forest products manufac-  
16 turing”;  
17 (8) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “5  
19 megawatts of thermal energy or combined ther-  
20 mal and electric energy” and inserting “15  
21 megawatts of thermal energy”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “25 per-  
23 cent” and inserting “50 percent”; and

24 (9) in subsection (h), by striking “\$25,000,000  
25 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-

1       serting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026  
2       through 2030”.

3   **SEC. 3. WOOD INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM.**

4       Section 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of  
5   2018 (7 U.S.C. 7655d) is amended—

6           (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INNO-**  
7       **VATION**” and inserting “**INNOVATIONS**”;

8           (2) in subsection (c)—

9               (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
10       “INCENTIVIZING USE OF EXISTING MILLING”  
11       and inserting “EXPANDING FOREST PRODUCTS  
12       MANUFACTURING”; and

13            (B) by striking “use or retrofitting (or  
14       both) of existing sawmill” and inserting “con-  
15       struction, use, or retrofitting for forest products  
16       manufacturing”; and

17           (3) in subsection (d), by inserting “50 percent  
18       of” before “the amount”.

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