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S. 2897

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide research and extension grants to support the study of insects and pests that impact tropical plants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ) 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 “Tropical Plant Health
5 Initiative Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TROPICAL PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1672(d) of the Food, Ag-
 3 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
 4 5925(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(21) TROPICAL PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.—
 6 Research and extension grants may be made under
 7 this section for the purposes of—

8 “(A) developing and disseminating science-
 9 based tools and treatments to combat plant
 10 pests and noxious weeds (as those terms are de-
 11 fined in section 403 of the Plant Protection Act
 12 (7 U.S.C. 7702)) that impact tropical plants,
 13 including—

14 “(i) coffee plants;
 15 “(ii) macadamia trees;
 16 “(iii) cacao trees;
 17 “(iv) plantains and bananas;
 18 “(v) mangos;
 19 “(vi) floriculture and nursery crops;
 20 “(vii) vanilla plants; and
 21 “(viii) any other tropical plant, as de-
 22 termined by the Secretary;

23 “(B) establishing an areawide integrated
 24 pest management program in areas in which
 25 those tropical plants are affected by, or are at

1 risk of being affected by, plant pests or noxious
2 weeds (as so defined);

3 “(C) surveying and collecting data on pro-
4 duction and health of those tropical plants;

5 “(D) investigating biology, immunology,
6 ecology, genomics, and bioinformatics of those
7 tropical plants; and

8 “(E) conducting research on various fac-
9 tors that may contribute to or be associated
10 with immune systems of those tropical plants
11 and other serious threats to those tropical
12 plants.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
14 1672(h) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
15 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(h)) is amended by
16 striking “2023” and inserting “2030”.

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