

Amendment Description

Offered by Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)

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This amendment inserts language on page 722, after line 15 to make available to eligible entities grants, on a competitive basis, to develop, construct, or retrofit pilot or demonstration-scale biorefineries to demonstrate the commercial viability of one or more processes for converting renewable biomass to advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased products.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467
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Page 722, after line 15, insert the following:

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “The Sec-
2 retary shall make available to eligible entities guar-
3 antees” and inserting the following: “Subject to the
4 availability of funding, the Secretary shall make
5 available to eligible entities grants, on a competitive
6 basis, to develop, construct, or retrofit pilot or dem-
7 onstration-scale biorefineries to demonstrate the
8 commercial viability of 1 or more processes for con-
9 verting renewable biomass to advanced biofuels, re-
10 newable chemicals, and biobased products in accord-
11 ance with subsection (e).”;

Page 722, line 16, strike “(2)” and insert “(3)”.

Page 726, after line 7, insert the following:

12 (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
13 lowing:
14 “(e) GRANTS.—
15 “(1) SELECTION CRITERIA.—
16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In approving applica-
17 tions for grants under subsection (c), the Sec-

1 retary shall establish a priority scoring system
2 that assigns priority scores to each application
3 and only approve applications that exceed a
4 specified minimum score, as determined by the
5 Secretary.

6 “(B) FEASIBILITY.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In approving an
8 application for a grant under subsection
9 (c), the Secretary shall determine the tech-
10 nical and economic feasibility of the project
11 based on a feasibility study of the project
12 described in the application conducted by
13 an independent third party.

14 “(ii) WAIVER.—The Secretary may
15 waive the feasibility study under clause (i)
16 for proven or otherwise commercially avail-
17 able technologies.

18 “(C) SCORING SYSTEM.—The priority scor-
19 ing system established under subparagraph (A)
20 shall consider, with respect to a project pro-
21 posed in an application for a grant under sub-
22 section (c)—

23 “(i) the potential market for the ad-
24 vanced biofuel, renewable chemical, or

1 biobased product, and the byproducts pro-
2 duced under the project;

3 “(ii) the level of financial participation
4 by the eligible entity, including support
5 from non-Federal and private sources;

6 “(iii) whether the eligible entity is
7 proposing to use—

8 “(I) a feedstock not previously
9 used in the production of advanced
10 biofuels; or

11 “(II) a feedstock, process, or
12 technology in an innovative manner in
13 the production of renewable chemicals
14 or biobased products;

15 “(iv) whether the eligible entity is pro-
16 posing to work with producer associations
17 or cooperatives;

18 “(v) whether the eligible entity has es-
19 tablished that the adoption of the process
20 proposed in the application will have a
21 positive impact on resource conservation,
22 public health, and the environment;

23 “(vi) the potential for rural economic
24 development;

1 “(vii) whether the project can be rep-
2 licated;

3 “(viii) scalability for commercial use;
4 and

5 “(ix) in the case of an advanced
6 biofuels project, the contribution of the
7 project to domestic energy security.

8 “(2) COST SHARING.—

9 “(A) LIMITS.—The amount of a grant
10 awarded under subsection (c) shall not exceed
11 an amount that is 60 percent of the cost of the
12 project carried out using the grant.

13 “(B) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-
14 Federal share of the cost of a project may be
15 provided in the form of cash or material, sub-
16 ject to the condition that the material provided
17 does not exceed 30 percent of the non-Federal
18 share.”;

Page 726, line 8, strike “(3)” and insert “(5)”.

Page 726, line 14, strike “(4)” and insert “(6)”.

Page 726, line 19, strike “(5)” and insert “(7)”.

Page 726, line 21, strike “(6)” and insert “(8)”.

