

Amendment offered by Ms. Tokuda of Hawai'i

Amendment description

The amendment would strike section 2804 requiring entities using an alternative funding arrangement for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) programs to provide at least 50 percent of the project costs in direct funding rather than in-kind contribution. The amendment would also authorize a state soil health initiative program within RCPP and provide \$100,000,000 in annual mandatory funding for this program, among other things.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7567
OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII

Strike section 2302.

Page 64, strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following:

- 1 “(A) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;
2 “(B) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;
3 “(C) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2029;
4 “(D) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2030;
5 and
6 “(E) \$550,000,000 for fiscal year 2031.”.

Strike section 2804.

Strike section 2805(a)(3) and insert the following:

- 7 (3) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by
8 striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “section
9 1241(a)(6), after setting aside amounts as necessary
10 for purposes of section 1271G(h)”.

Insert after section 2807 the following:

1 **SEC. 28___ . STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL HEALTH.**

2 Subtitle J of title XII of the Food Security Act of
3 1985, as redesignated by section 2701, is amended by add-
4 ing at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 1271G. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL HEALTH.**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) ELIGIBLE INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘eligi-
8 ble Indian Tribe’ means an Indian Tribe that is—

9 “(A) implementing a soil health program
10 for the area over which the Indian Tribe has ju-
11 risdiction; and

12 “(B) meeting or exceeding performance
13 measures established by the Indian Tribe for
14 the soil health program.

15 “(2) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ‘eligible
16 State’ means a State that is—

17 “(A) implementing a soil health program
18 for the State; and

19 “(B) meeting or exceeding performance
20 measures established by the State for the soil
21 health program.

22 “(3) SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM.—The term ‘soil
23 health program’ means a program to improve soil
24 health on agricultural land that—

25 “(A) is broadly consistent with the soil
26 health principles of the Natural Resources Con-

1 servation Service, as determined by the Sec-
2 retary; and

3 “(B) may include—

4 “(i) technical assistance;

5 “(ii) financial assistance;

6 “(iii) on-farm research and dem-
7 onstration;

8 “(iv) education, outreach, and train-
9 ing;

10 “(v) monitoring and evaluation; or

11 “(vi) such other components as the
12 Secretary determines appropriate.

13 “(b) AVAILABILITY AND PURPOSE OF GRANTS.—For
14 fiscal years 2027 through 2031, the Secretary shall make
15 grants to eligible States and eligible Indian Tribes for the
16 purpose of improving soil health on agricultural lands
17 through the implementation of State and Tribal soil health
18 programs.

19 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant under
21 this section, an eligible State or eligible Indian Tribe
22 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such
23 time, in such a manner, and containing such infor-
24 mation as the Secretary shall require, which shall in-
25 clude—

1 “(A) a description of performance meas-
2 ures to be used to evaluate the State or Tribal
3 soil health program and the results of any ac-
4 tivities carried out using grant funds received
5 under this section; and

6 “(B) an assurance that grant funds re-
7 ceived under this section will supplement the
8 expenditure of State or Tribal funds in support
9 of soil health, rather than replace such funds.

10 “(2) TRIBAL OPTION.—An Indian Tribe shall
11 have the option, at the sole discretion of the Indian
12 Tribe, to be incorporated into the application of an
13 eligible State.

14 “(d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sec-
15 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible States and
16 eligible Indian Tribes with a climate action plan that in-
17 cludes soil health, as determined by the Secretary.

18 “(e) GRANTS.—

19 “(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to an
20 eligible State or eligible Indian Tribe under this sec-
21 tion for a fiscal year may not exceed the lower of—

22 “(A) \$5,000,000; or

23 “(B) as applicable—

1 “(i) 50 percent of the cost of imple-
2 menting the State soil health program in
3 the fiscal year; or

4 “(ii) 75 percent of the cost of imple-
5 menting the Tribal soil health program in
6 the fiscal year.

7 “(2) TERM.—A grant under this section shall
8 be for 1 year, and may be renewed annually.

9 “(f) AUDITS AND REVIEWS.—An eligible State or eli-
10 gible Indian Tribe receiving a grant under this section
11 shall submit to the Secretary—

12 “(1) for each year for which the State or Indian
13 Tribe receives such a grant, the results of an audit
14 of the expenditures of the grant funds; and

15 “(2) at such intervals as the Secretary shall es-
16 tablish, a review and evaluation of the State or Trib-
17 al soil health program.

18 “(g) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the Sec-
19 retary, after reasonable notice to an eligible State or eligi-
20 ble Indian Tribe receiving a grant under this section, finds
21 that the State or Indian Tribe has failed to comply with
22 the terms of the grant, the Secretary may disqualify, for
23 not more than 3 years, the State or Indian Tribe from
24 receipt of additional grants under this section.

1 “(h) FUNDING.—Of the funds made available to
2 carry out this subtitle, \$100,000,000 shall be available in
3 each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031 to carry out this
4 section.

5 “(i) ADMINISTRATION.—

6 “(1) DEPARTMENT.—The Secretary may not
7 use more than 3 percent of the funds made available
8 to carry out this section for a fiscal year for admin-
9 istrative expenses.

10 “(2) STATES OR INDIAN TRIBES.—An eligible
11 State or eligible Indian Tribe receiving a grant
12 under this section may not use more than 7 percent
13 of the granted funds for a fiscal year for administra-
14 tive expenses.”.

