

Amendment offered by Ms. McClain Delaney

Amendment description

This amendment would require the Secretary of Agriculture to meet specific requirements, including conducting a benefit-cost analysis and soliciting public comment, before proceeding with a USDA reorganization. It would also require a report detailing how any reorganization would retain staff expertise, improve efficiencies, and enhance customer service.

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At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following (and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **SEC. ____ . LIMITATIONS ON REORGANIZATION OF DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

3 (a) **PREREQUISITES FOR COVERED RELOCATION.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary may not carry
5 out a covered relocation of the Department of Agri-
6 culture, or any component thereof, unless, prior to
7 any submission to the Office of Management and
8 Budget or other reviewing entity relating to such
9 covered relocation, the Secretary carries out the re-
10 quirements of subsections (b) through (d).

11 (2) **COVERED RELOCATION DEFINED.—**In this
12 subsection, the term “covered relocation” means any
13 of the following:

14 (A) An administrative redelegation of func-
15 tion which, by itself or in conjunction with
16 other related redelegations, involves replacing
17 the existing positions of more than the lesser of
18 5 percent or 100 of the employees of the rel-

1 evant Federal agency with new positions located
2 outside the commuting area of such employees.

3 (B) Moving a Federal agency or any com-
4 ponent of a Federal agency if such move, by
5 itself or in conjunction with other related
6 moves, involves moving the positions of more
7 than the lesser of 5 percent or 100 of the em-
8 ployees of the Federal agency—

9 (i) outside the commuting area of
10 such employees; or

11 (ii) to the jurisdiction of another Fed-
12 eral agency.

13 (C) A combination of related redelegations
14 and moves that together involve the positions of
15 more than the lesser of 5 percent or 100 of the
16 employees of the relevant Federal agency—

17 (i) being moved, or replaced with new
18 positions located, outside the commuting
19 area of such employees; or

20 (ii) being moved to the jurisdiction of
21 another Federal agency.

22 (b) BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS.—The Secretary of Ag-
23 riculture shall—

1 (1) conduct a benefit-cost analysis on the
2 Memorandum and any similar plan relating to reor-
3 ganization of the Department of Agriculture; and

4 (2) submit to the Office of Inspector General of
5 the Department of Agriculture an unredacted report
6 that contains—

7 (A) the findings of that benefit-cost anal-
8 ysis; and

9 (B) such other information as the Office of
10 Inspector General determines necessary for that
11 benefit-cost analysis.

12 (c) PUBLIC COMMENT; REPORT.—The Secretary of
13 Agriculture shall—

14 (1) carry out a public comment period on the
15 Memorandum and any similar plan relating to reor-
16 ganization of the Department of Agriculture to so-
17 licit public comment from agricultural producers and
18 other communities on the impact of that reorganiza-
19 tion; and

20 (2) submit to the Office of Inspector General of
21 the Department of Agriculture a report that con-
22 tains—

23 (A) a description of how that reorganiza-
24 tion will retain sufficient staff expertise to carry
25 out Department of Agriculture mission areas

1 and result in greater efficiencies and customer
2 service for agricultural producers and other
3 communities; and

4 (B) such other information as the Office of
5 Inspector General determines necessary for the
6 report.

7 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Office of In-
8 spector General of the Department of Agriculture shall
9 submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
10 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
11 Representatives, and make publicly available, the reports
12 received under subsections (b)(2) and (c)(2).

