

Amendment offered by Mr. Rose of Tennessee

Amendment description

This amendment would modernize the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) program by: (1) changing the qualifying population threshold from 10,000 to 15,000; (2) changing the percent of volunteer firefighting personnel from 80% to 70%; and (3) allowing for Secretarial discretion on waiving match requirements, similar to other private forestry programs.

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Add at the end subtitle A of title VIII the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 8104. RURAL FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL.**

2 Section 10 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance
3 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C 2106) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (e)(2)(B), by striking “in kind
5 contributions.” and inserting “in-kind contributions.
6 The Secretary may waive the Federal share require-
7 ments of this subparagraph with respect to any such
8 funds made available to rural volunteer fire depart-
9 ments.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (g)(1)—

11 (A) by striking “any organized, not for
12 profit, fire protection organization” and insert-
13 ing “any fire protection organization that is or-
14 ganized as a not for profit organization or by
15 the authority of a local government and”;

16 (B) by striking “10,000” and inserting
17 “15,000”; and

18 (C) by striking “80” and inserting “70”.

