

Amendment offered by Mr. Feenstra of Iowa

Amendment description

The amendment would continue operation of the ROPS Rebate Program under USDA, establishing cost-share grants for retrofitting agricultural tractors with rollover protection structures.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. FEENSTRA OF IOWA

At the end of title XII, add the following:

1 **SECTION ____ . COST-SHARE GRANTS FOR ROLLOVER PRO-**
2 **TECTION STRUCTURES.**

3 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

4 (1) **APPROVED ROLLOVER PROTECTION STRUC-**
5 **TURE.**—The term “approved rollover protection
6 structure” means a rollover protection structure that
7 the Program Administrator determines—

8 (A) may be installed on eligible equipment;

9 (B) includes a seatbelt; and

10 (C) meets or exceeds the rollover protec-
11 tion structure standards.

12 (2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible enti-
13 ty” means, as determined by the Secretary—

14 (A) an agricultural producer; and

15 (B) an eligible school.

16 (3) **ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT.**—The term “eligible
17 equipment” means an agricultural tractor that the
18 Program Administrator determines to be eligible for
19 installation of an approved rollover protection struc-
20 ture.

1 (4) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term “eligible
2 school” means—

3 (A) a vocational school that provides agri-
4 cultural instruction or training;

5 (B) an institution of higher education(as
6 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
7 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001))that provides di-
8 rect, practical agricultural instruction or train-
9 ing; and

10 (C) a public or private secondary school
11 (as defined in section 8101 of the Elementary
12 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 8107)) the curriculum of which includes
14 an agricultural instruction or training compo-
15 nent.

16 (5) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.—The term
17 “Program Administrator” means the organization
18 selected by the Secretary under subsection (c)(1)(B).

19 (6) ROLLOVER PROTECTION STRUCTURE
20 STANDARDS.—The term “rollover protection struc-
21 ture standards” includes the following:

22 (A) The SAE J2194 and SAE J1194
23 standards issued by the Society of Automotive
24 Engineers (and successor standards).

1 (B) Any other relevant national or inter-
2 national rollover protection structure manufac-
3 turing or testing standards.

4 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Agriculture.

6 (b) COST-SHARE GRANTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
8 grants to eligible entities for the cost of purchasing,
9 transporting, and installing on eligible equipment
10 approved rollover protection structures.

11 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
13 subparagraph (B), the amount of a grant under
14 this section shall equal 70 percent of the costs
15 of the eligible entity to purchase, transport, and
16 install the approved rollover protection struc-
17 ture.

18 (B) EXCEPTION.—If, for an eligible entity
19 that is the recipient of a grant under this sec-
20 tion, the costs to purchase, transport, and in-
21 stall an approved rollover structure (as docu-
22 mented by the eligible entity) exceed \$500, the
23 amount of the grant shall be increased to cover
24 an increased percentage (as determined by the
25 Secretary) of such costs.

1 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

2 (1) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.—The Secretary
3 shall—

4 (A) seek competitive bids from nongovern-
5 mental organizations seeking to serve as the
6 Program Administrator under this section;

7 (B) select 1 organization from among the
8 organizations that submit bids under subpara-
9 graph (A); and

10 (C) enter into a cooperative agreement
11 with that organization to carry out the activities
12 described in paragraph (2).

13 (2) DUTIES.—The Program Administrator
14 shall—

15 (A) identify—

16 (i) approved rollover protection struc-
17 tures; and

18 (ii) eligible equipment;

19 (B) administer the application process
20 under subsection (d); and

21 (C) establish and administer a public
22 website and phone hotline with information nec-
23 essary—

24 (i) to inform eligible entities, as de-
25 scribed in subsection (a)(2), of the grant

1 opportunities made available by this act,
2 and
3 (ii) to administer the application proc-
4 ess under subsection (d).

5 (d) APPLICATIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—To apply for a grant under
7 this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the
8 Program Administrator an application, including
9 documentation of the cost described in subsection
10 (b)(2)(A).

11 (2) APPROVAL OR DENIAL.—On receipt of an
12 application under paragraph (1), the Program Ad-
13 ministrator shall—

14 (A) determine—

15 (i) whether the applicant is eligible for
16 a grant under this section; and

17 (ii) the amount of a grant under this
18 section for which the applicant is eligible;
19 and

20 (B) submit to the Secretary a notification
21 of the determinations under subparagraph (A).

22 (e) DISBURSEMENT.—On receipt of a notification
23 under subsection (d)(2)(B), if an applicant is eligible for
24 a grant under this section, the Secretary shall disburse

1 to the eligible entity the amount of the grant described
2 in subsection (d)(2)(A)(ii).

3 (f) FUNDING.—

4 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this section \$725,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
7 through 2031.

8 (2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appro-
9 priated under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year—

10 (A) the Secretary shall use \$500,000 for
11 grants under this section; and

12 (B) the Secretary shall transfer to the Pro-
13 gram Administrator—

14 (i) \$125,000 for the promotion of,
15 and upgrades to the website referred to in
16 subsection (c)(2)(C); and

17 (ii) \$100,000 for the telephone hotline
18 referred to in such subsection.

