

Amendment offered by Congressman Shomari Figures

Amendment description

The amendment would strengthen land-grant universities' ability to provide heirs' property education and succession planning support so farming families can secure clear title, access USDA programs, and pass their land on to the next generation instead of losing it.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. FIGURES OF ALABAMA

At the end of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH RE-**
2 **SPECT TO TRANSFER OF AGRICULTURAL**
3 **LAND AND ASSETS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than September 30,
5 2026, the Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a study
6 on, and submit to Congress a report on, ways to increase
7 opportunities for 1890 Institutions (as defined in section
8 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education
9 Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)) to conduct edu-
10 cational programs and provide technical assistance with
11 respect to issues relating to the transfers of agricultural
12 land and assets, including heirs property, to the next gen-
13 eration of farmers and ranchers.

14 (b) **HEIRS PROPERTY DEFINED.**—In this section, the
15 term “heirs property” means real property held in tenancy
16 in common which, as of the date on which a partition ac-
17 tion is filed, satisfies all of the following requirements:

18 (1) There is no recorded agreement binding all
19 the co-tenants which governs the partition of the
20 property.

1 (2) One or more of the co-tenants acquired title
2 from a relative, whether living or deceased.

3 (3) Any of the following applies:

4 (A) 20 percent or more of the interests are
5 held by co-tenants who are relatives.

6 (B) 20 percent or more of the interests are
7 held by an individual who acquired title from a
8 relative, whether living or deceased.

9 (C) 20 percent or more of the co-tenants
10 are relatives.

