

House Ag Reconciliation Markup
Baird AGARDA Amendment Summary
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As established by the 2018 Farm Bill, the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AGARDA) has the authority to develop technologies, research tools, and products through advanced research on long-term and high-risk challenges for food and agriculture. Qualified products or projects under this authority include veterinary countermeasures to biological threats and mechanization in the specialty crop industry. While it has yet to be funded, the goal of AGARDA is to focus on R&D that private industry is unlikely to undertake. This research will help ensure that the United States maintains its position as a leader in global agricultural R&D.

The committee print funds AGARDA for the first time and specifies that the money should be used solely for advanced research relating to climate. This amendment opens that funding up by adding the qualified products or projects as defined in the 2018 Farm Bill to the list of eligible research.

AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 48, line 12, strike “out advanced research” and all that follows through “climate” on line 13 and insert “out,”.

Page 48, line 16, strike “3319k)” and insert the following: “3319k), advanced research and development relating to climate or other qualified products or projects (as defined in such section)”.

