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AMENDMENT #1

APPROVED

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Rep. Andy Harris

FY26 – Agriculture

Amendment #1

Manager's Amendment

In the bill

On page 7, line 10, strike "19,800,000" and insert "18,300,000".

On page 17, line 9, strike "5,500,000" and insert "10,000,000".

On page 19, line 16, strike "8,000,000" and insert "10,000,000".

On page 92, line 12, strike Section 721 and insert "Sec. 721. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed obligation plan delineated by program, project, and activity, as defined in the report accompanying this Act, for all amounts made available by this Act and prior appropriations Acts that remain available for obligation, including appropriated user fees and loan authorizations.

(b) Such obligation plan shall serve as the baseline for reprogramming notifications for the purposes of section 716 of this Act.

(c) Such plan shall include breakdowns of estimated obligations for each such program, project, or activity by—

(1) fiscal quarter;

(2) source appropriation; and

(3) the number of full-time equivalent positions supported.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available by this Act or previous appropriations Acts to the agencies funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure shall be available for transfer or reprogramming except pursuant to section 716 of this Act."

On page 99, line 12-13, strike the words "Guidance for Industry on its Enforcement Priorities" and replace with "Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization".

On page 100, line 24-25, strike the words “illegal nicotine products” and replace with “illegal ENDS products”.

On page 123, line 13, strike Section 770 and insert “Sec. 770. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended, for grants under section 12502 of Public Law 115–334.”

On page 131, line 5, after the period, insert “and”.

On page 131, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following paragraphs:

(iii) appears with the largest or most prominent use of the term “natural” on each panel of the label on which the term appears, in the same style and color print and at least one-half the size of the term “natural”.

(2) PREEMPTION.—No State or a political subdivision of a State may directly or indirectly establish, maintain, implement, or enforce any authority or requirement relating to the labels, labeling, or advertising of animal food that is different from, or more stringent than paragraph (1).

On page 133, line 4, after “Regulation” insert “1”.

On page 133, line 5, after “Regulation” insert “10”.

In the report

On page 3, before the paragraph entitled “Critical Inputs”, insert the following new paragraph:

Credit Subsidy Rates.—The Committee notes that the release of the OMB Budget coincided with the Committee’s work to draft this Act. In preparation for the appropriations process for fiscal year 2027, the Committee directs USDA to transmit to the Committee the estimated credit subsidy rates for fiscal year 2027 for each program for which amounts are provided in the Act for gross obligations for the principal amount of direct or guaranteed loans no later than March 1, 2026.

On page 6, before the paragraph entitled “Quarterly Reports”, insert the following new paragraph:

Program, Project, or Activity.—For the purposes of sections 716 and 721 of this Act, “program, project, or activity” means the most detailed subdivision of an appropriation and should reflect the more detailed of (a) amounts identified in any tables in this report; (b) amounts, including increases or decreases, specified in any parts of this Act or this report; (c) activities or directives specified in this Act or this report; or (d) tables included in budget justification materials.

Page 6, in the paragraph entitled “Quarterly Reports,” strike the second sentence and replace it with the following:

Staffing data should provide detail by agency, including current levels and end-of-year goals, and the source of appropriations, notated by the authority citation, supporting each staffing level. Obligation data should include year-to-date obligations and current balances at the mission area, agency, and program level, broken down by source of appropriation and the number of FTEs supported by each PPA.

On page 20, after the paragraph entitled “Recirculating Aquaculture Systems,” insert the following new paragraph:

Remote Sensing Technologies.—The Committee encourages ARS to work cooperatively with the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to use remote sensing data for agriculture monitoring, including crop health, soil moisture, precipitation, temperature, and evapotranspiration. These satellites can help agricultural producers spot crop diseases and pests early, predict yields, and guide decisions on water management, fertilization, and harvesting more efficiently.

On page 20, before the paragraph entitled “Resilient Barley Initiative”, insert the following new paragraph:

Research Funding.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, ARS is directed to submit a report to the Committee detailing how research funds were allocated in fiscal years

2024 and 2025 for each of ARS’s research topics at the level shown in the table under this heading in this report.

On page 32, before the paragraph entitled “Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP)”, insert the following new paragraph:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Reportable Disease.—The Committee recognizes the ongoing efforts to combat CWD. Recent reports suggest there is a substantial species barrier preventing transmission of CWD from cervids to humans. The Committee requests a report from APHIS within 90 days of enactment on the impacts of removing CWD from the USDA National List of Reportable Animal Diseases.

On page 37, before the paragraph entitled “Nitrogen Depopulation Methods”, insert the following new paragraph:

New World Screwworm Preparedness.—The Committee recognizes that proactive measures, including continued research and development on control methods, are critical to responding to and preventing a NWS outbreak. The Committee further notes that the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness & Response Plan for the New World Screwworm from APHIS was last updated in 2018 and acknowledges the necessity to update these documents in light of the current NWS infestation in Mexico and Central America. Within 120 days of enactment of this Act, the Committee directs APHIS, alongside the FDA as necessary, and with relevant stakeholders, to update the current state of U.S. preparedness and response capabilities and identify critical research and development needs to enhance NWS prevention, control and eradication such as new diagnostic tools, improved sterile insect techniques, and potential drug treatments, to combat the NWS. APHIS shall make all issued guidance documents in relation to NWS outbreak prevention and eradication publicly available.

On page 67, in the first paragraph, strike the last sentence and insert the following:

The Committee notes that FNS has paused the data transfer pending implementation of “requisite procedural safeguards.” The Committee directs FNS safeguard the use of personally identifiable information (PII).

On page 70, strike the two paragraphs preceding the header “McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program Grants”.

On page 84, strike the paragraph entitled “Lupus”, and replace with the following paragraph:

Lupus.—The Committee is aware of barriers that have long affected the development of therapeutics for lupus, a disease that primarily affects women. The Committee is pleased that FDA has partnered with researchers, industry, patients, and other stakeholders to launch the Lupus Accelerating Breakthroughs Consortium (ABC), a public-private partnership to accelerate development of new therapies. The Committee encourages FDA to continue this engagement and provide updates on its efforts to accelerate development of safer and more effective

treatments for people with lupus.

On page 89, before the paragraph entitled “Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee (PCAC)”, insert the following new paragraph:

Pet Food Regulation.—The bill includes a provision that provides for the modernization of the pet food and animal feed regulatory framework. The current system has been in place since the early 1900s and no longer keeps pace with pet food and animal feed marketplace improvements. This provision does not preclude, prohibit, or limit in any way the ability for States to continue to collect licensing, registration, and inspection fees necessary for the administration of State commercial feed laws for which the purposes of such fees range from bolstering general funds, spay and neuter activities, and research.

On page 89, in the paragraph entitled “Pregnancy and Lactation Registries”, strike the word “people” and replace with “women”.

On page 90, at the end of the paragraph entitled “Quantifiable Limits Task Force” insert the following sentence:

In determining the quantifiable amounts, the Committee does not intend for industrial or non-intoxicating hemp-derived cannabinoid products with trace or insignificant amounts of THC to be affected.

On page 91, before the paragraph entitled “Regional Medical Research Institutes”, insert the following new paragraph:

Rare Mitochondrial Diseases.—The Committee is concerned about the potential loss of access to Elamipretide for patients with rare mitochondrial diseases for whom the drug has demonstrated efficacy and life-sustaining benefits through the Expanded Access Program. The Committee is aware of the FDA’s rejection of the New Drug Application for Elamipretide under a standard review timeline and subsequent proposal for an accelerated approval pathway for Elamipretide. The Committee requests FDA provide a report detailing a transparent overview of its review process for Elamipretide no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

On page 106, strike the Community Project Funding table and insert updated version incorporating technical and conforming changes.

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AMENDMENT 2N 20 DEGREE
TO AMENDMENT #2 (DELAURO #1)

ADOPTED 34-26

RC#1

Rep. Ashley Hinson

FY26 – Agriculture

Amendment #1

Mrs. Hinson offers an amendment to the amendment offered by Ms. DeLauro of Connecticut.

Strike the text and insert the following:

On page 60, line 19, strike “7,597,000,000” and insert “7,697,000,000”.

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

Sec. _____. Of the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by section 10301(1)(A)(ii) of Public Law 117-169 (commonly referred to as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”), \$100,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

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AMENDMENT #2 AS AMENDED (VERSION 20 AGREED)

ADJUSTED VV

Rep. DeLauro #1
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #___

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO**

In the bill:

On page 60, line 24, strike “*Provided further*” and all that follows through “:” and insert the following:

“*Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use the funds made available under this heading to increase the amount of a cash value voucher for women and children participants to an amount recommended by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics and adjusted for inflation:”

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AMENDMENT IN THE 2D DEGREE

TO AMENDMENT #3 (DELAURO #2)

Re #2

ADOPTED 33-26

Rep. Andy Harris

FY26 – Agriculture

Amendment #2

Dr. Harris offers an amendment to the amendment offered by Ms. DeLauro of Connecticut.

Strike the text and insert the following:

On page 3 of the report, before the paragraph entitled “Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Report”, insert the following new paragraph:

Agricultural Trade Deficit.—The Committee directs USDA to provide a report no later than 90 days after enactment on U.S. agricultural trade. The report should focus on policies from 2020 to 2024 that resulted in the decades-long agricultural trade surplus becoming a record trade deficit and the impact the trade deficit had on U.S. farmers’ and ranchers’ profitability.

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AMENDMENT #3

RC #3

NOT ADOPTED

1-57

Rep. DeLauro #2
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #___

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO**

In the bill:

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement tariffs that would increase food costs in the United States.

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AMENDMENT # 4
RC # 4
NOT AGREED
25-35

Rep. Hoyer #1
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment # ____

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. HOYER**

In the report:

Insert at the appropriate place the following:

Analyses required prior to Reductions in Force. — Before any agency funded by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies bill fires, through a reduction in force or the dismissal of probationary employees, or allows to participate in a Deferred Resignation Program or substantially similar program, any employee the Committee requires 1) a report certifying that the proposed staffing changes will not reduce the revenue nor increase costs to the respective agency *and* 2) a study demonstrating that the affected employee is no longer necessary to carrying out the agency's mission.

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AMENDMENT #5
WITHDRAWN

Rep. Marcy Kaptur
FY26-Agriculture
Amendment #1

**Amendment to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration
and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Offered by Ms. Kaptur of Ohio**

In the bill

On page 30, line 6, before the period, insert “: *Provided further*, That of the total amount available under this heading, \$8,500,000 shall be for necessary expenses to carry out the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Program under section 222 of subtitle A of title II of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923), as amended by section 12302 of Public Law 115–334.”

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AMENDMENT #6
RHS
NOT ADDED
28-33

Rep. Bishop #1
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #___

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP**

In the bill:

On page 2, line 14, strike “\$43,856,000” and insert “\$28,336,000”.

On page 2, line 14, strike “\$5,551,000” and insert “\$5,031,000”.

On page 2, line 20, strike “\$17,915,000” and insert “\$7,915,000”.

On page 2, line 22, strike “\$17,015,000” and insert “\$7,015,000”.

On page 3, line 7, strike “\$3,500,000” and insert “\$1,000,000”.

On page 3, line 12, strike “\$5,000,000” and insert “\$2,500,000”.

On page 5, line 14, strike “\$85,000,000” and insert “\$65,000,000”.

On page 35, line 19, strike “\$880,000,000” and insert “\$1,250,000,000”.

On page 36, line 10, strike “\$84,480,000” and insert “\$120,000,000”.

On page 43, line 7, strike “\$20,000,000” and insert “\$25,000,000”.

On page 43, line 12, strike “\$20,000,000” and insert “\$35,000,000”.

On page 43, line 18, strike “\$1,000,000,000” and insert “\$1,250,000,000”.

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . Of the unobligated balances available in the “Agricultural Marketing Service—Marketing Services” account (12 X 2500), \$20,000,000 are permanently rescinded

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AMENDMENT #7
R#6
NOT ADDED
26-32

Rep. Bishop #2
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #__

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP**

In the bill:

Page 50, line 18, strike "\$346,040,000" and insert "\$366,040,000".

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. __. Of the unobligated balances available in the "Rural Development—Salaries and Expenses" account (12 X 0402) \$20,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

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AMENDMENT #8
Rc #7
NOT ADOPTED
26-35

Rep. Bishop #3 (Revised)
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #___

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP**

In the bill:

Page 8, line 20, before the period, insert the following:

“: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate in writing 30 prior to cancelling, discontinuing, or otherwise suspending any analysis or reports.”

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. ____ (a) Not later than the end of each fiscal quarter, the Economic Research Service shall publish and make publicly available the “Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade” report, including accompanying analysis.

(b) If such public release of such report is delayed, or if such analysis is not included in such report, the appropriation for “Office of the Secretary” for the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be reduced by \$1,000,000.

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NOT ADDED

AMENDMENT #9

26-33

RC#8

Rep. Bishop #4
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #__

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP**

In the bill:

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. ____ (a) None of the funds made available by this Act or previous appropriations Acts to the agencies funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2026 may be used to carry out a deferred resignation program described in the February 4, 2025, Office of Personnel Management memo entitled “Legality of Deferred Resignation Program” or substantially similar program.

(b) No part of this section shall be construed to limit payments to employees who participated in such program in fiscal year 2025.

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NOT ADOPTED

AMENDMENT #10

28-34

R1119

Rep. Torres #1
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment # ____

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES**

In the bill:

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act or previous appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure may be used to provide personally identifying information to the United States DOGE Service, as defined in Executive Order 14158 of January 20, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 8441, Establishing and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency").

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AMENDMENT # 11
RC # 10
NOT ADOPTED
27-33

Rep. Torres #2
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment # ____

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES**

In the bill:

At the end, before the spending reduction account, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2026 may be used to fire, through a reduction in force or the dismissal of probationary employees, or to allow to participate in a Deferred Resignation Program or substantially similar program any employee at the Food and Drug Administration who works to ensure the safety and supply of infant formula.

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AMENDMENT # 12
RC # 11
NOT APPROVED
28-31

Rep. Pingree
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #1

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE.**

In the bill:

Page 4, line 19, before the period insert the following:

“: Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this heading in this Act shall be available for obligation until the Secretary of Agriculture unfreezes funding for and implements all written agreements and contracts for a farmer or an entity providing assistance to farmers entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act and the Secretary of Agriculture facilitates the outlay of past-due amounts owed under such agreements and contracts, unless the recipient has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of such agreement or contract: Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture may not cancel any signed agreement or contract with a farmer or an entity providing assistance to farmers, unless such farmer or entity has failed to comply with the terms of conditions of such agreement or contract”

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AMENDMENT #13
RC #12
NOT ADOPTED
28-35

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #1

**Amendment to Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug
Administration, and Related Agencies**

At the end of the bill in the appropriate place, insert the following:

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce any policy, regulation, or provision of law—including any enacted after the date of enactment of this Act—that denies, reduces, or terminates Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for individuals diagnosed with cancer or cancer survivors who are unable to meet work or income requirements as a result of treatment, ongoing medical needs, or related health complications, unless the Secretary of Agriculture certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate that such actions will not result in a loss of eligibility or reduction in benefits for such individuals.

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NOT ADOPTED

AMENDMENT # 14

28-34

RC # 13

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #2

Amendment to Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

At the end of the bill in the appropriate place, insert the following:

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce any reduction in school's identified student percentage through direct certification as part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch Act that would result in a reduction in the number of schools or students eligible for universal free meals as a result of cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Medicaid eligibility through this Act or any other Act unless the Secretary certifies that no students at or below 130% of the federal poverty lines would lose access to free school lunches and bureaucratic burdens would not significantly increase on parents or schools when trying to accessing free or reduced school lunch programs.

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AMENDMENT #15
ADOPTED VV

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
FY26 – AGFDA
Amendment #3

Real Cost Campaign

Real Cost Campaign. -- From funds authorized for the Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) in this bill, the Committee directs the FDA to allocate no less funding than FY24 funding levels to maintain the Real Cost Campaign's national scope and public health impact consistent with evidence-based health communication campaign best practices.

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AMENDMENT # 16

RC # 14

ADOPTED

3-9-27

Rep. Julia Letlow

FY26 – Agriculture

Amendment #1

In the report

On page 78, in the paragraph entitled “Domestic Infant Formula Supply”, insert at the end:

and to report back to the Committee on agency authorities and potential actions to ensure stability of the market for this most vulnerable population. The Committee encourages the agency’s review to include, but not be limited to, current FDA authorities to offer limited (both in time and scope) protections for manufacturers of these preterm formulas, current regulatory pathways for these preterm infant formula products, whether the FDA believes other regulatory or preemptive authority may be needed, and the timeline in which such authorities may be needed.

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AMENDMENT #17
RC #15
NOT ADOPTED
26-34

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
FY26 – AGFDA
Amendment #4

STRIKE SECTION 773

Strike Section 773, Prohibiting FDA from Finalizing or Implementing Rule Regarding Tobacco Product Manufacturing Requirements.

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AMENDMENT #18
WITHDRAWN

Rep. Henry Cuellar
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #1

EFFICIENCY, COMPETITION, PERFORMANCE, AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AMENDMENT

EFFICIENCY, COMPETITION, PERFORMANCE, AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Program and Regulatory Efficiency Reviews.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to the U.S. Department of Agriculture may be obligated or expended unless the Secretary—

- (1) Conducts annual program and operational performance reviews using outcome-based metrics consistent with the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-352);
- (2) Completes a comprehensive review of agency rules, internal policies, and administrative requirements to identify outdated, duplicative, or inefficient provisions, and submits a Regulatory Modernization Report to the Committees on Appropriations within 18 months of enactment.
- (3) Identifies cost savings, administrative streamlining opportunities, and overlapping functions;
- (4) Adopts a framework to implement technological solutions for project oversight, milestone verification, and transparent reporting of disbursements; and
- (5) Submits a consolidated summary of findings and planned improvements to the Committees on Appropriations within 240 days of enactment.

(b) Contracting and Procurement Standards.

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enter into a new contract, grant, or cooperative agreement exceeding \$5,000,000 unless –

- (1) The award is made through full and open competition, except where urgent financial stability, national security, or public interest functions are certified in writing to the Committees on Appropriations;
- (2) The contract, grant, or cooperative agreement includes enforceable provisions requiring (i) project delivery on budget and on schedule; and (ii) the delineation of specific performance objectives and milestones with timelines for meeting such objectives and milestones;

(3) The awarding agency adopts a framework to implement a technology-based or otherwise automated system to (i) verify and track awardee progress against agreement objectives, milestones, and timelines; (ii) make continuous disbursements contingent upon verified completion of agreement objectives, milestones, and timelines; and (iii) securely record and retain verification data and supporting documentation to ensure a transparent audit trail of each disbursement;

(4) The agreement includes appropriate financial penalties, including liquidated damages, for unjustified cost overruns or schedule delays; and

(5) For contracts or agreements exceeding \$10,000,000, the agency must submit a Contract Performance Summary to the Committees within 90 days of award.

(c) Quarterly Oversight Reporting

Each agency covered under this Act shall submit quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations that include:

(1) Progress on annual performance reviews and implementation;

(2) Regulatory modernization actions taken or planned;

(3) Performance status of high-value contracts and grants, including details on performance objectives, the completion of milestones, and related timelines in accordance with subsection (b)(2)(ii) and (b)(3), accompanied by verification records preserved by a technology-based or otherwise automated system;

(4) Identified cost savings and reinvestment proposals; and

(5) Status of updated performance metrics as required under section (d).

(d) Development and Submission of Updated Performance Metrics

None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated or expended unless each agency covered under this section –

(1) Develops or updates performance metrics aligned with the findings of subsection (a)(1);

(2) Ensures all performance metrics are consistent with GPRMA standards and relevant to strategic goals (e.g., procurement timeliness, fraud prevention, IT modernization outcomes), and incorporates provisions for the secure recording and retention of verification data used to confirm the achievement of a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, ensuring traceability and a transparent audit trail of each disbursement;

(3) Submits the updated performance metrics to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment; and

(4) Provides a justification for each measure explaining its role in improving agency effectiveness, cost control, or public service.

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AMENDMENT #14

RL #16

NOT ADOPTED

30-32

Rep. Pingree
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #2

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE.**

In the bill:

Page 136, after line 5, insert “This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall only take effect upon the Secretary of Agriculture reinstating the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program and Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program, as established by the agency in fiscal year 2022. Of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$421,500,000 to reestablish the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program for fiscal year 2026 and each subsequent fiscal year. Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall utilize \$660,100,000 to re-establish the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program for fiscal year 2026 and each subsequent fiscal year.”

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AMENDMENT #20
NOT OFFERED

Rep. Pingree
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #3

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE.**

In the bill:

Page 49, Line 2, strike \$5,000,000, insert \$13,000,000.

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AMENDMENT #21
ADOPTED VV

Rep. Pingree
FY26 – Agriculture
Amendment #4

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE.**

In the bill:

Page 5, line 1, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$500,000".