

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8790
OFFERED BY MS. HOYLE OF OREGON**

Strike subsection (b) of section 101.

Strike subsection (b) of section 106 and insert the following:

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall each
3 submit to the relevant Congressional Committees a report
4 that includes—

5 (1) a list of each firehshed managment project to
6 which the Secretary concerned applied a categorical
7 exclusion—

8 (A) to an area of 3,000 acres pursuant
9 to—

10 (i) section 603 or 605 of the Healthy
11 Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16
12 U.S.C. 6591b, 6591d); or

13 (ii) section 40806 of the Infrastruc-
14 ture Investment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C.
15 6592b); or

1 (B) to an area of 4,500 acres pursuant to
2 section 606 of the Healthy Forests Restoration
3 Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591e); and
4 (2) a determination regarding whether an in-
5 crease to the maximum number of acres to which
6 the categorical exclusions described in subpara-
7 graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) may apply
8 would improve the ability of such Secretary to carry
9 out land management activities, including firehed
10 management projects.

Add at the end of subtitle B of title I the following
new sections:

11 **SEC. 115. JOINT CHIEFS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PART-**
12 **nership Program.**

13 Section 40808 of the Infrastructure Investment and
14 Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592d) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or”
17 at the end;

18 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
19 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
20 and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(D) to recover from wildfires; or

1 “(E) to enhance soil, water, and related
2 natural resources.”;

3 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(3) AGENCY COORDINATION.—In carrying out
6 the Program, the Chief of the Natural Resources
7 Conservation Service shall—

8 “(A) consider corresponding management
9 plans from the Chief of the Forest Service; and

10 “(B) collaborate with the Chief of the For-
11 est Service on forestry science and practice,
12 using the best available science.”;

13 (3) in subsection (d)(1)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
15 “and post-wildfire impacts” after “wildfire
16 risk”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “,
18 as identified in the corresponding State forest
19 action plan or similar priority plan (such as a
20 State wildlife or water plan)” before the semi-
21 colon;

22 (4) in subsection (f), by striking paragraph (2)
23 and inserting the following:

24 “(2) in a manner inconsistent with the prohibi-
25 tions under the rule of the Forest Service entitled

1 ‘Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation’ (66
2 Fed. Reg. 3244 (January 12, 2001)), and subparts
3 C and D of part 294 of title 36, Code of Federal
4 Regulations, as applicable;” and

5 (5) in subsections (g)(2) and (h)(1), by striking
6 “and 2023” each place it appears and inserting
7 “through 2028”.

8 **SEC. 116. COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORA-**
9 **TION PROGRAM.**

10 Section 4003 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-
11 ment Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “spe-
14 cies;” and inserting “species or pathogens;”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking
16 “and” at the end;

17 (C) in subparagraph (H), by adding “and”
18 after the semicolon at the end; and

19 (D) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(I) address standardized monitoring ques-
21 tions and indicators;”;

22 (2) in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

23 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the
24 end;

1 (B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the
2 end; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(iii) include a Federal Government
5 staffing plan for providing support to
6 collaboratives established pursuant to sub-
7 section (b)(2);”;

8 (3) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking
11 “and” at the end;

12 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking
13 the period at the end and inserting “;
14 and”; and

15 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(G) proposals that seek to use innovative
18 implementation mechanisms, including con-
19 servation finance agreements, good neighbor
20 agreements entered into under section 8206 of
21 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C.
22 2113a), and similar implementation mecha-
23 nisms;

1 “(H) proposals that seek to reduce the risk
2 of uncharacteristic wildfire or increase ecologi-
3 cal restoration activities—

4 “(i) within areas across land owner-
5 ships, including State, Tribal, and private
6 land; and

7 “(ii) within the wildland-urban inter-
8 face (as defined in section 101 of the
9 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003
10 (16 U.S.C. 6511)); and

11 “(I) proposals that seek to enhance water-
12 shed health and drinking water sources.”; and
13 (B) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
15 “10” and inserting “20”; and

16 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
17 “2” and inserting “4”;

18 (4) in subsection (e)(3), by inserting “conflict
19 resolution or collaborative governance,” before “and
20 woody”; and

21 (5) in subsection (f)—

22 (A) in paragraph (4)(B)(ii), by striking
23 “\$4,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “2019
2 through 2023” and inserting “2023 through
3 2032”.

Strike section 121.

Strike section 204.

Add at the end the following:

4 **TITLE IV—CIVILIAN**
5 **CONSERVATION CENTERS**

6 **SEC. 401. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS.**

7 Public Law 91–378 (16 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 **“TITLE III—CIVILIAN**
10 **CONSERVATION CENTERS**

11 **“SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “In this title:

13 “(1) CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER.—The
14 term ‘Civilian Conservation Center’ means any resi-
15 dential workforce development or training facility for
16 underserved youth operated by the Department of
17 the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

18 “(2) COVERED GRADUATE.—The term ‘covered
19 graduate’ means an individual who successfully com-
20 pleted a training program at a Civilian Conservation
21 Center.

1 “(3) COVERED STUDENT.—The term ‘covered
2 student’ means an individual who is enrolled in a
3 training program at a Civilian Conservation Center.

4 “(4) SECRETARIES.—The term ‘Secretaries’
5 means—

6 “(A) the Secretary of Agriculture; and

7 “(B) the Secretary of the Interior.

8 **“SEC. 302. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS WILDFIRE**
9 **AND CONSERVATION TRAINING PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The Sec-
11 retaries, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall
12 offer at Civilian Conservation Centers specialized training
13 programs focused on—

14 “(1) forestry and rangeland management;

15 “(2) wildland firefighting; or

16 “(3) any other topic relating to the mission of
17 the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior
18 or the public interest.

19 “(b) PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretaries shall
20 prioritize offering specialized training programs under
21 subsection (a) at facilities described in section 147(d) of
22 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
23 3197(d)).

1 **“SEC. 303. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING WORKFORCE DEVEL-**
2 **OPMENT PILOT.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

4 “(1) EXPERIMENT, RESEARCH, OR DEMONSTRA-
5 TION PILOTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in co-
6 ordination with the Secretary of Labor, may carry
7 out experimental, research, or demonstration pilots
8 to provide career and technical education curricula
9 and course offerings to advance the missions of the
10 Department of Agriculture at Civilian Conservation
11 Centers operated by the Department of Agriculture,
12 including facilities described in section 147(d) of the
13 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
14 U.S.C. 3197(d)).

15 “(2) CURRICULA AND COURSES.—Curricula and
16 courses described in paragraph (1) include—

17 “(A) incident management and emergency
18 response logistics;

19 “(B) disaster response;

20 “(C) forest products measurement;

21 “(D) timber sale administration and prepa-
22 ration;

23 “(E) heavy equipment operation;

24 “(F) equipment and mechanical services;

25 “(G) industrial electrical;

26 “(H) machining;

- 1 “(I) mill operations;
2 “(J) forest restoration;
3 “(K) habitat and water quality monitoring;
4 “(L) watershed and habitat enhancement;
5 “(M) range management;
6 “(N) recreation access improvement;
7 “(O) volunteers and visitors enhancement;
8 and
9 “(P) historic preservation.

10 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection
11 (a), the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

12 “(1) identify workforce needs in public land
13 agencies, forest, conservation, and recreation indus-
14 tries, and rural communities, after consulting with
15 State governments and agencies, Federal emergency
16 management and public land agencies, local commu-
17 nities, institutions of higher education, and Indian
18 Tribes;

19 “(2) develop marketing, recruitment, and reten-
20 tion materials for the curricula and courses offerings
21 provided under subsection (a);

22 “(3) provide specialized staff necessary to teach
23 curricula and courses offerings provided under sub-
24 section (a), to the extent practicable; and

1 “(4) improve Civilian Conservation Center fa-
2 cilities and modernize equipment used for the pur-
3 poses of career and technical education.

4 **“SEC. 304. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING WORKFORCE EN-**
5 **HANCEMENT.**

6 “(a) RECRUITMENT GOALS AND INVESTMENTS.—

7 “(1) RECRUITMENT GOAL.—The Secretaries—

8 “(A) shall each set goals of—

9 “(i) hiring 300 covered graduates an-
10 nually to contribute to wildland firefighting
11 or other critical workforce needs within the
12 respective Department of each of the Sec-
13 retaries;

14 “(ii) a certain percentage of covered
15 graduates annually attaining employment
16 within the wildland firefighting, natural re-
17 sources, forestry, or a related field; and

18 “(iii) a certain percentage of covered
19 graduates annually attaining employment;
20 and

21 “(B) may each make investments to sup-
22 port the recruitment, training, hiring, and re-
23 tention of covered graduates.

24 “(2) SIGNING BONUS.—The Secretaries may
25 provide for a signing bonus to enable the successful

1 employment and transition of covered graduates, in-
2 cluding for the purpose of securing housing in rural
3 and remote communities.

4 “(b) DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.—For fiscal year
5 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretaries may
6 appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I
7 of chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, other than
8 sections 3303 and 3328 of that title, a covered graduate
9 directly to a position for which the covered graduate meets
10 Office of Personnel Management qualification standards.

11 “(c) PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT.—The Secretaries
12 shall ensure that appropriate career pathways are devel-
13 oped for covered graduates of relevant Civilian Conserva-
14 tion Center training programs.

15 “(d) DISADVANTAGED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.—Not-
16 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretaries
17 may employ covered students at regular rates of pay for
18 necessary hours of work.

19 “(e) USE OF COVERED STUDENTS FOR CONTRACTS,
20 AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS.—To the maximum extent
21 practicable, the Secretary of Agriculture shall encourage
22 the use of covered students to fulfill obligations under con-
23 tracts, agreements, and grants relevant to the training ad-
24 ministered by the Forest Service at a unit of the National

1 Forest System where a Civilian Conservation Center is lo-
2 cated.

3 **“SEC. 305. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING HOUSING PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall establish
6 a pilot program to employ covered students to improve and
7 expand the housing stock owned by the Federal Govern-
8 ment for the purpose of housing wildland firefighters, vol-
9 unteers, partner crewmembers, interns, and other agency
10 employees.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
12 gram under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall—

13 “(1) identify properties currently owned by the
14 Federal Government that would be appropriate
15 housing for wildland firefighters, volunteers, partner
16 crewmembers, interns, and other agency employees;

17 “(2) identify areas where the construction of
18 new housing described in paragraph (1) would be
19 appropriate and sustainable; and

20 “(3) submit to Congress a prioritized list of
21 projects for renovation with a plan for how the Sec-
22 retaries will employ covered students to repair, ren-
23 ovate, and remediate the properties identified under
24 paragraph (1).

1 **“SEC. 306. REPORT.**

2 “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this title, the Secretaries shall submit to the Committee
4 on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and
5 the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
6 tives a report—

7 “(1) describing underutilized capacity at Civil-
8 ian Conservation Centers, based on an assessment
9 conducted by the Secretaries; and

10 “(2) identifying the investments, improvements,
11 and efficiencies necessary to utilize the full capacity
12 of Civilian Conservation Centers.”.

