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S. 3075

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize rural cooperative development grants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Rural
5 Cooperatives and Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF RURAL COOPERATIVE DE-**
7 **VELOPMENT GRANTS.**

8 Section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
9 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively; and

(B) by inserting before subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(A) COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT.—The term ‘cooperative development’ means activities, including outreach, education, training, and technical assistance, to support the startup, expansion, or ongoing sustainability of new and existing cooperatives.”;

(2) in paragraph (4), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), in the second sentence, by inserting “, and award maximum points in scoring criteria to applicants that satisfy the requirements of paragraph (5)(F),” before “if the plan”;

(3) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “If the Secretary determines it to be in the best interest of the program, the” and inserting “The”;

(4) in paragraph (10)—

(A) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ANALYSIS.—The Secretary shall—

1 “(i) analyze the data resulting from
2 the research conducted under subpara-
3 graph (A); and

4 “(ii) include the data and the analysis
5 described in clause (i) in the annual report
6 submitted by the interagency working
7 group under paragraph (12).”;

8 (5) in paragraph (12)—

9 (A) by striking “Not later” and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than
14 180 days after the date of enactment of this
15 subparagraph, and annually thereafter, the
16 interagency working group described in sub-
17 paragraph (A) shall submit to Congress a re-
18 port describing the activities carried out by the
19 interagency working group.”; and

20 (6) in paragraph (13), by striking “2014
21 through 2023” and inserting “2025 through 2029”.

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