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H. R. 3793

To require the establishment of research and grant programs to identify and field test methods, practices, and technologies for the efficient, healthful, and environmentally sound disposal of animal waste.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE (for himself, Mr. HEFNER, and Mrs. CLAYTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Animal Waste Re-
5 search Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANIMAL WASTE RESEARCH AND GRANT PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) RESEARCH PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agri-
8 culture shall establish a research program in the Agri-

1 culture Research Service for the purpose of identifying
2 methods, practices, and technologies for the efficient,
3 healthful, and environmentally sound disposal of animal
4 waste.

5 (b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

6 (1) COMPETITIVE GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The
7 Secretary may make grants to colleges, universities,
8 and other entities for the purpose of testing and
9 analyzing, under normal field conditions, animal
10 waste disposal methods, practices, and technologies
11 identified under subsection (a) or otherwise deter-
12 mined by the Secretary to warrant field testing. Ex-
13 cept as provided in paragraph (2), grants under the
14 program shall be awarded on a competitive basis.

15 (2) SPECIAL GRANT.—In carrying out para-
16 graph (1) in fiscal year 1999, the Secretary shall
17 make a grant to the Animal and Poultry Waste
18 Management Center of North Carolina State Univer-
19 sity in Raleigh, North Carolina, to implement field
20 trial studies of animal waste disposal methods, prac-
21 tices, and technologies under consideration, as of the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, by the Center for
23 such a field trial.

24 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) BY RECIPIENTS.—A college, university, or
2 other entity receiving a grant under subsection (b)
3 shall submit to the Secretary a report containing the
4 findings and recommendations derived from field
5 trial studies conducted using the grant funds. A re-
6 port shall be submitted every six months during the
7 course of the field trial study and upon the comple-
8 tion of the study.

9 (2) BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall
10 compile and summarize the reports received under
11 paragraph (1) and, together with such findings and
12 recommendations as the Secretary considers appro-
13 priate, submit a report to Congress not later than
14 March 15 of each year regarding the progress and
15 results of the research and grant programs.

16 (d) USE OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH SERVICE.—
17 The Secretary shall carry out this section through the Di-
18 rector of the Agriculture Research Service.

19 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated—

21 (1) for fiscal year 1999—

22 (A) \$500,000 to carry out subsection (a);

23 and

24 (B) \$4,500,000 to carry out subsection

25 (b), of which, the first \$2,000,000 shall be used

1 for the grant required under subsection (b)(2);
2 and
3 (2) for subsequent fiscal years, such sums as
4 are necessary to carry out this section.

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