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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WALSH 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 “American Livestock
5 Protection and Ranching Opportunity Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COUNTRY OF OR-**
7 **IGIN LABELING.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the overwhelming majority of consumers in
2 the United States want to know where animals used
3 to produce the meat eaten by the consumers is born,
4 raised, and slaughtered;

5 (2) country-of-origin labeling provides informa-
6 tion that consumers in the United States have a
7 right to know; and

8 (3) country-of-origin labeling facilitates supply
9 chain information critical for food safety.

10 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF FRESH MEAT**
11 **AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES**
12 **WITH FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.**

13 Section 10404 of the Animal Health Protection Act
14 (7 U.S.C. 8303) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(d) PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF FRESH
17 MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES WITH
18 FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.—Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law, until the date on which the Secretary of
20 Agriculture certifies to Congress that a country is free of
21 foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, the Secretary
22 may not—

23 “(1) allow the importation of fresh meat or
24 meat products from that country; or

1 “(2) initiate, administer, finalize, or enforce any
 2 rulemaking allowing for the new importation of any
 3 fresh meat or meat product from that country.”.

4 **SEC. 4. BRUCELLOSIS RESEARCH AND COMPENSATION.**

5 (a) LIVESTOCK DISEASE INITIATIVE.—Title IV of
 6 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-
 7 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7624 et seq.) is amended by
 8 inserting after the title heading the following:

9 **“SEC. 401. LIVESTOCK DISEASE INITIATIVE.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the De-
 11 partment a livestock disease initiative under which the
 12 Secretary shall provide to eligible entities competitive
 13 grants for research and development described in sub-
 14 section (d).

15 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
 16 a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

17 “(1) a Federal agency;

18 “(2) a National Laboratory;

19 “(3) an institution of higher education;

20 “(4) a research institution; or

21 “(5) a State agricultural experiment station.

22 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
 23 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to research and de-
 24 velopment relating to bovine brucellosis, bovine tuber-
 25 culosis, and other zoonotic diseases in livestock that are

1 covered by a high-priority research and extension initiative
2 authorized under section 1672 of the Food, Agriculture,
3 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925).

4 “(d) USE OF GRANTS.—An entity that receives a
5 grant under this section shall use the grant to conduct
6 research and development relating to surveillance meth-
7 ods, vaccines, vaccination delivery systems, or diagnostic
8 tests for diseases in domestic livestock that present a po-
9 tential concern to public health and safety, as determined
10 by the Secretary.

11 “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants under
13 this section, the Secretary may give priority to pro-
14 posals from eligible entities that provide matching
15 funds for the grants in a manner as determined by
16 the Secretary, but shall not require eligible entities
17 to have matching funds as a requirement of being
18 awarded a grant.

19 “(2) EXEMPTION.—The matching funds re-
20 quirement under section 1492 of the National Agri-
21 cultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy
22 Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3371) shall not apply in the
23 case of a grant awarded under this section.

1 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2018.”.

4 (b) ASSISTANCE FOR LOSSES DUE TO BRUCEL-
 5 LOSIS.—Section 1501(c) of the Agricultural Act of 2014
 6 (7 U.S.C. 9081(c)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “or bru-
 8 cellosis” after “fire condition” both places it ap-
 9 pears;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”
 12 at the end;

13 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
 14 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

16 “(C) brucellosis, as described in paragraph
 17 (6).”; and

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

19 “(6) ASSISTANCE FOR LOSSES DUE TO BRUCEL-
 20 LOSIS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible livestock
 22 producer may receive assistance under this
 23 paragraph only if the grazing losses occur due
 24 to quarantine of livestock under section 10407
 25 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act

of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8306) due to brucellosis infection in the Greater Yellowstone Designated Surveillance Area, as determined by the Secretary.

“(B) PAYMENT RATE.—The payment rate for assistance under this paragraph shall be equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost (as determined under paragraph (3)(C)) for the total number of livestock of the eligible livestock producer subject to quarantine.”.

SEC. 5. LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PAYMENTS.

Section 1501(b) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) PAYMENT RATES.—Indemnity payments to an eligible producer on a farm under paragraph (1) shall be made at a rate of 75 percent of the higher of, as determined by the Secretary—

“(A) the market value of the applicable livestock on the earliest day that information is available to the Secretary; or

“(B) the applicable nationwide price of the applicable livestock for the previous calendar year.”.

1 **SEC. 6. LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM.**

2 Section 1501(c)(3)(C) of the Agricultural Act of
3 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(c)(3)(C)) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(iv) HIGH-VALUE FORAGE.—The
6 Secretary may provide for a price adjust-
7 ment in the monthly feed cost in the case
8 of high-value forage, as determined by the
9 Secretary.”.

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