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H. R. 4673

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to establish a competitive grant program for renewable fuel infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2016

Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Mr. WALZ, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. POCAN, and Mrs. BUSTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Renewable Fuel Utili-
5 zation, Expansion, and Leadership Act” or the “RE-
6 FUEL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Title IX of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
4 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 9014. RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY IN-**
7 **FRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall establish a renewable and alternative energy
10 infrastructure competitive grant program to provide
11 grants for renewable and alternative energy infrastructure
12 projects.

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—A project shall be eligi-
14 ble for a grant under subsection (a) if the project—

15 “(1) is for new renewable and alternative en-
16 ergy infrastructure or retrofitting existing renewable
17 and alternative energy infrastructure for the dis-
18 pensing of covered renewable or alternative energy
19 for retail consumption; and

20 “(2) will be capable of dispensing fuel con-
21 taining an amount of covered renewable or alter-
22 native energy that is higher than ordinarily found in
23 commerce, as determined by the Secretary.

24 “(c) PRIORITIZATION.—In awarding grants under
25 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to projects
26 in rural areas.

1 “(d) MAXIMUM GRANT.—A grant awarded under this
2 section shall not exceed \$100,000.

3 “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—An entity that receives a
4 grant under this section shall contribute an amount of
5 non-Federal funds towards the project for which such enti-
6 ty receives such grant that is at least equal to 30 percent
7 of the amount of grant funds received by such entity under
8 this section for such project.

9 “(f) FUNDING.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts received by
11 the United States each fiscal year as royalties for
12 the production of oil under oil and gas leases grant-
13 ed under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf
14 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337), 1 percent shall be
15 available to the Secretary to carry out this section.

16 “(2) OTHER DISBURSEMENTS NOT AF-
17 FECTED.—Paragraph (1) shall not affect any re-
18 quirement to use amounts described in paragraph
19 (1) to make payments for any other purpose.

20 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) COVERED RENEWABLE OR ALTERNATIVE
22 ENERGY.—The term ‘covered renewable or alter-
23 native energy’ means renewable energy, energy in-
24 tended for use in electric vehicle charging, and hy-
25 drogen and fuel cells.

1 “(2) RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
2 INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term ‘renewable and alter-
3 native energy infrastructure’ includes pumps, stor-
4 age tanks, internal tank lining, piping, and electric
5 vehicle chargers used in the process of dispensing
6 fuel containing covered renewable or alternative en-
7 ergy.”.

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