

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5426

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa (for himself and Mrs. NOEM) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Water and Targeted  
5       Environmental Research Act of 2018” or the “WATER  
6       Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS AND PAY-**  
8       **MENTS.**

9       (a) COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE CON-  
10       SERVATION APPROACHES.—Section 1240H(a)(2)(B) of

1 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–  
2 8(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting “(which may include  
3 in-kind contributions provided by a cooperative extension  
4 service or a State agricultural experiment station, as de-  
5 fined in the National Agricultural Research, Extension,  
6 and Teaching Policy Act of 1977)” before “to promote  
7 environmental enhancement”.

8 (b) AIR QUALITY CONCERNS FROM AGRICULTURAL  
9 OPERATIONS.—Section 1240H(b)(2) of the Food Security  
10 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–8(b)(2)) is amended by  
11 striking “2018” and inserting “2023”.

12 (c) REPORTING AND DATABASE.—Section 1240H(c)  
13 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–8(c))  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(c) REPORTING AND DATABASE.—

16 “(1) REPORTING.—Not later than December  
17 31, 2014, and every two years thereafter, the Sec-  
18 retary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture,  
19 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Com-  
20 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
21 tives a report on the status of projects funded under  
22 this section, including—

23 “(A) funding awarded;

24 “(B) project results; and

1           “(C) incorporation of project findings, such  
2           as new technology and innovative approaches,  
3           into the conservation efforts implemented by  
4           the Secretary.

5           “(2) DATABASE.—The Secretary shall use the  
6           data reported under paragraph (1) to establish and  
7           maintain a publically available database that pro-  
8           vides—

9           “(A) a compilation and analysis (including  
10          economic analysis) of effective conservation  
11          practices for soil health, nutrient management,  
12          and source water protection in varying soil com-  
13          positions, cropping systems, slopes, and land-  
14          scapes, including the sources of the project  
15          data; and

16          “(B) a list of recommended new and effec-  
17          tive conservation practices, based on the anal-  
18          ysis under subparagraph (A).”.

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