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# H. R. 1538

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot grant program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Ms. CROCKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot grant program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

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 “Delivering for Rural  
5 Seniors Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM DE-**  
2 **LIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of  
4 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by inserting after  
5 section 5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 5A. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**  
7 **DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this section are—

9 “(1) to award grants for the operation of  
10 projects that increase the access of low-income elder-  
11 ly persons to commodities through home delivery;  
12 and

13 “(2) to evaluate such projects.

14 “(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award, on  
15 a competitive basis, grants to State agencies to carry out  
16 the activities described in subsection (e).

17 “(c) MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD.—A grant awarded to  
18 a State agency under this section may be in an amount  
19 not greater than the lesser of—

20 “(1) the State’s commodity supplemental food  
21 program caseload at time of application multiplied  
22 by 60; or

23 “(2) \$4,000,000.

24 “(d) APPLICATION.—A State agency seeking a grant  
25 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an appli-

1 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
2 information as the Secretary may require.

3 “(e) GRANT USES.—A State agency awarded a grant  
4 under this section shall distribute grant funds to eligible  
5 entities to operate projects that facilitate home delivery  
6 of commodities to participants in the commodity supple-  
7 mental food program, including with respect to costs asso-  
8 ciated with—

9 “(1) transportation and distribution of com-  
10 modities to participants in the commodity supple-  
11 mental food program, including transportation and  
12 distribution services provided by a third party;

13 “(2) staffing required to operate home delivery  
14 services; and

15 “(3) outreach to participants or potential par-  
16 ticipants in the commodity supplemental food pro-  
17 gram with respect to home delivery.

18 “(f) PRIORITY.—A State agency awarded a grant  
19 under this section shall prioritize eligible entities that  
20 serve participants in the commodity supplemental food  
21 program who reside in a rural area.

22 “(g) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—No later than  
23 180 days after the end of the fiscal year in which a State  
24 agency is awarded a grant under this section and has dis-  
25 tributed grant funds to eligible entities, and in each suc-

1 ceeding fiscal year until grant funds are expended, a State  
2 agency shall submit a report to the Secretary that in-  
3 cludes—

4 “(1) a summary of the activities carried out  
5 under the project, including the quantity of commod-  
6 ities delivered, number of participants in the com-  
7 modity supplemental food program served, and total  
8 number of deliveries;

9 “(2) an assessment of the effectiveness of the  
10 project, including—

11 “(A) a calculation of the average cost per  
12 delivery; and

13 “(B) an evaluation of any services provided  
14 by a third party; and

15 “(3) best practices regarding use of home deliv-  
16 ery to improve the effectiveness of the commodity  
17 supplemental food program.

18 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PRO-  
20 GRAM.—The term ‘commodity supplemental food  
21 program’ means the program established under sec-  
22 tion 4.

23 “(2) CFR TERMS.—The terms ‘local agency’,  
24 ‘State agency’, and ‘subdistributing agency’ have the  
25 meanings given such terms in section 247.1 of title

1       7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-  
2       tions).

3           “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
4       tity’ means—

5                   “(A) a local agency; or

6                   “(B) a subdistributing agency.

7           “(4) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ has  
8       the meaning given such term in section 343(a) of  
9       the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act  
10      (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)).

11       “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
12      authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
13      \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2028,  
14      to remain available until expended.”.

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