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# H. R. 6369

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. LAWLER) 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 “Cutting Cumbersome  
5 Overhead for Small-farm Testing Savings Act of 2025”  
6 or the “Cutting COSTS Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES PAYMENT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
4 program for making payments to covered producers in an  
5 amount that is equal to the full cost incurred by each such  
6 producer for carrying out a GAP audit.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
8 of enactment of this Act, and annually for each of the four  
9 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
10 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and  
11 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of  
12 the Senate a report regarding activities under the program  
13 established under subsection (a), including—

14 (1) the number and type of covered producers  
15 who received payments under such program; and

16 (2) the extent to which such payment increased,  
17 for each such producer, market access to a retail  
18 food store that requires a GAP audit as a condition  
19 for such access.

20 (c) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall use the funds of  
21 the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this sec-  
22 tion.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

24 (1) COVERED PRODUCER.—The term “covered  
25 producer” means a person—

26 (A) that—

1 (i) operates a small farm with an av-  
2 erage adjusted gross income (as defined in  
3 section 1001D(a) of the Food Security Act  
4 of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(a))) of less  
5 than \$350,000 each year; or

6 (ii) is a beginning farmer or rancher  
7 (as defined in section 3430.602 of title 7,  
8 Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-  
9 cessor regulation)); and

10 (B) meets such other requirements as the  
11 Secretary may determine appropriate.

12 (2) GAP AUDIT.—The term “GAP audit”  
13 means an audit under the Agricultural Marketing  
14 Service Audit Verification and Accreditation Pro-  
15 grams described in part 62 of title 7, Code of Fed-  
16 eral Regulations (or successor regulations), as such  
17 programs relate to good agricultural practices and  
18 guidance published by the Secretary of Health and  
19 Human Services under section 419(e)(1) of the Fed-  
20 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
21 350h(e)(1)).

22 (3) RETAIL FOOD STORE.—The term “retail  
23 food store” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
24 tion 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
25 U.S.C. 2012).

1           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2       the Secretary of Agriculture.

3       (e) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall  
4   terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date of  
5   the enactment of this Act.

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