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# H. R. 7734

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include additional priorities as research and extension initiatives, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida (for himself and Mr. BISHOP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include additional priorities as research and extension initiatives, 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 “Land Grant Research  
5 Prioritization Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PRIOR-**  
2 **ITIES.**

3 Section 1672(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-  
4 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)) is amend-  
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(21) **ADVANCED MECHANIZED HARVESTER**  
7 **TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH AND EXTENSION.—**

8 “(A) **IN GENERAL.—**Research and exten-  
9 sion grants may be made under this section for  
10 the purpose of developing and evaluating tech-  
11 nologies to mechanize agricultural processes.

12 “(B) **EMPHASIS.—**In awarding grants  
13 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may  
14 place emphasis on mechanizing the process for  
15 harvesting specialty crops.

16 “(22) **AGRICULTURAL APPLICATION OF ARTIFI-**  
17 **CIAL INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION.—**

18 “(A) **IN GENERAL.—**Research and exten-  
19 sion grants may be made under this section for  
20 the purpose of developing and evaluating agri-  
21 cultural uses of artificial intelligence.

22 “(B) **EMPHASIS.—**In awarding grants  
23 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may  
24 place emphasis on uses of artificial intelligence  
25 that improve specialty crop production.

1           “(23) INVASIVE SPECIES RESEARCH AND EX-  
2           TENSION.—Research and extension grants may be  
3           made under this section for the purpose of sup-  
4           porting research projects at land-grant colleges and  
5           universities (as defined in section 1404 of the Na-  
6           tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teach-  
7           ing Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) to develop  
8           and apply methods to manage and eradicate invasive  
9           species of plants and animals, including through  
10          methods of biocontrol.

11          “(24) AQUACULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTEN-  
12          SION.—Research and extension grants may be made  
13          under this section for the purpose of supporting re-  
14          search projects at land-grant colleges and univer-  
15          sities (as defined in section 1404 of the National Ag-  
16          ricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy  
17          Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) to develop and apply  
18          aquaculture methods, including through the propa-  
19          gation and rearing of economically and ecologically  
20          valuable aquatic and marine species.”.

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