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# S. 2667

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. LUJÁN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Sustainable Farms,  
5 Fibers, and Forests Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUSTAINABLE FARMS, FIBERS, AND FORESTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 210A(a) of the Agricul-  
8 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(a)) is  
9 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through  
2 (11), (12), and (13) as paragraphs (5) through (12),  
3 (14), and (15), respectively;

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(4) FOOD.—The term ‘food’ includes sustain-  
7 able fibers.”; and

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (12) (as so re-  
9 designated) the following:

10 “(13) SUSTAINABLE FIBERS.—The term ‘sus-  
11 tainable fibers’ means fibers produced by farming  
12 operations that use sustainable cropping or grazing  
13 systems, or other systems and practices beneficial to  
14 natural ecosystems, as determined by the Secretary,  
15 including—

16 “(A) textile products from plant-based fi-  
17 bers, such as cotton, flax, and hemp;

18 “(B) animal-based fibers and products,  
19 such as wool, alpaca, and leather; and

20 “(C) natural dye products, such as plant  
21 extracts.”.

22 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH.—Sec-  
23 tion 210A(e)(3) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946  
24 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(e)(3)) is amended by striking “services,”

1 and inserting “services and the National Agroforestry  
2 Center,”.

3 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Section 210A(d)(2)(A)  
4 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.  
5 1627c(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (v), by striking “or” at the end;

7 (2) in clause (vi), by inserting “or” after the  
8 semicolon; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(vii) agroforestry, including dem-  
11 onstration infrastructure for farmer or  
12 landowner learning;”.

13 (d) REGIONAL FOOD PARTNERSHIPS.—Section  
14 210A(e)(2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7  
15 U.S.C. 1627c(e)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the  
16 following:

17 “(C) AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT DIVER-  
18 SITY.—To the maximum extent practicable, in  
19 selecting partnerships to receive grants under  
20 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall ensure  
21 diversity among the types of agricultural prod-  
22 ucts supported by the partnerships, including  
23 sustainable fibers.”.

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