

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to enter into contracts, grants, and agreements to carry out certain ecosystem restoration activities, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Seedlings for Sustain-  
5       able Habitat Restoration Act of 2025”.

1   **SEC. 2. CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS TO CARRY**  
2                           **OUT CERTAIN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AC-**  
3                           **TIVITIES.**

4           (a) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—Sec-  
5   tion 40804 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act  
6   (16 U.S.C. 6592a) is amended by adding at the end the  
7   following:

8           “(g) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—To  
9   carry out the ecosystem restoration activities described in  
10   subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
11   through the Chief of the Forest Service, may enter into  
12   contracts, grants, or agreements with State forestry agen-  
13   cies, local private or nonprofit entities, institutions of  
14   higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the High-  
15   er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), Indian  
16   Tribes, and multistate coalitions—

17           “(1) for the collection and maintenance of na-  
18   tive seeds, including material from managed seed or-  
19   chards; and

20           “(2) for the production of seedlings for revege-  
21   tation.”.

22           (b) COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORA-  
23   TION PROGRAM.—Section 4003(b)(7) of the Omnibus  
24   Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C.  
25   7303(b)(7)) is amended—

1           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
2           by inserting “the collection and maintenance of na-  
3           tive seeds for revegetation, the production of seed-  
4           lings, and” after “or agreements for”;

5           (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
6           through (D) as subparagraphs (C) through (E), re-  
7           spectively; and

8           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
9           lowing:

10           “(B) institutions of higher education (as  
11           defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Edu-  
12           cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)))”.