

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To authorize partnerships between the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities to conduct research on white oak and to prioritize such research.

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To improve forest management activities on National Forest System land, public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and Tribal land to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested land, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. McCONNELL

Viz:

1 Redesignate sections 317 and 318 as sections 318
2 and 319, respectively.

3 After section 316, insert the following:

4 **SEC. 317. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRI-**
5 **CULTURE.**

6 (a) PARTNERSHIPS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
8 through the Director of the National Institute of

1 Food and Agriculture, shall enter into a partnership
2 with an eligible entity described in paragraph (2) to
3 conduct research on improving white oak species re-
4 siliency, health, and preservation, including research
5 on—

- 6 (A) population-scale sequencing;
- 7 (B) stress response traits;
- 8 (C) seedling physiology and performance;
- 9 and
- 10 (D) white oak product development.

11 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

- 12 (A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity re-
13 ferred to in paragraph (1) is a land-grant col-
14 lege or university described in subparagraph
- 15 (B) that has demonstrated—

- 16 (i) scientific expertise relating to
- 17 white oak;
- 18 (ii) the ability to rapidly transfer tech-
19 nologies to the stave industry;
- 20 (iii) geographic proximity to con-
21 centrated areas of white oak; and
- 22 (iv) support for regional economic de-
23 velopment.

1 (B) LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVER-
2 SITIES.—A land-grant college or university re-
3 ferred to in subparagraph (A) is—

4 (i) an 1862 Institution (as defined in
5 section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Ex-
6 tension, and Education Reform Act of
7 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601));

8 (ii) an 1890 Institution (as defined in
9 that section); or

10 (iii) a 1994 Institution (as defined in
11 section 532 of the Equity in Educational
12 Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
13 301 note; Public Law 103–382)).

14 (b) PRIORITIES.—The Secretary, acting through the
15 Director of the National Institute of Food and Agri-
16 culture, shall prioritize research relating to the resistance
17 of white oak to disease, pest, heat, and drought in cul-
18 tivated, new, and old-growth white oak timber stands.