

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5459

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include as a high-priority research and extension initiative research and extension on precision agriculture workforce development, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLOOD (for himself and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Precision Agriculture
5 Workforce Training and Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRECISION AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT.**

3 (a) HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION.—
4 Section 1672(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
5 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(21) PRECISION AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE
8 DEVELOPMENT.—Research and extension grants
9 may be made under this section for the purposes of
10 developing programs to support precision agriculture
11 student workforce training and development, in part-
12 nership with public or private entities, that enhance
13 the participation of precision agriculture.”.

14 (b) AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIA-
15 TIVE.—Subsection (b)(6) of the Competitive, Special, and
16 Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b)(6)) is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at
19 the end;

20 (2) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period
21 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

23 “(G) to an institution that carries out pro-
24 grams of cooperative education (as defined in
25 section 831(b) of the Higher Education Act of
26 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1161n(b))) for the purposes of

1 improving precision agriculture workforce train-
2 ing and development.”.

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