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# H. R. 4308

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to carry out research and development regarding a policy to insure wine grapes against losses due to smoke exposure, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Smoke Exposure Crop  
5 Insurance Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLICY TO INSURE WINE GRAPES AGAINST LOSSES**  
2 **DUE TO SMOKE EXPOSURE.**

3 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7  
4 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(20) WINE GRAPES.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
8 after the date of the enactment of this para-  
9 graph, the Corporation shall carry out research  
10 and development, or offer to enter into 1 or  
11 more contracts with 1 or more qualified persons  
12 to carry out research and development, regard-  
13 ing a policy to insure wine grapes (including  
14 wine grapes produced in the States of Cali-  
15 fornia, Oregon, and Washington) against losses  
16 due to wildfire smoke exposure.

17 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF POLICY.—Notwith-  
18 standing the last sentence of section 508(a)(1),  
19 and section 508(a)(2), not later than 18  
20 months after the date of the enactment of this  
21 paragraph, the Corporation shall make available  
22 a policy described in subparagraph (A) if the  
23 requirements of section 508(h) are met.

24 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years  
25 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,  
26 the Corporation shall submit to the Committees

1 on Appropriations and Agriculture of the House  
2 of Representatives and the Committees on Ap-  
3 propriations and Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
4 Forestry of the Senate a report that includes—

5 “(i) the results of the research con-  
6 ducted under subparagraph (A);

7 “(ii) a description of the policies made  
8 available under this paragraph; and

9 “(iii) the feasibility of a product that  
10 allows producers to claim an indemnity  
11 through post-harvest, post-vinification test-  
12 ing, if such testing demonstrates smoke  
13 damage that was not detectable prior to  
14 harvest.”.

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