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H. R. 5071

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to make certain changes to the membership of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education, and Economics Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) 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 “Agricultural Research
5 Advisory Board Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION,**
2 **EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS ADVISORY**
3 **BOARD.**

4 Section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research,
5 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
6 3123) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “25” and
9 inserting “15”; and

10 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(3) MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.—The Advisory
13 Board shall consist of members from each of the fol-
14 lowing categories:

15 “(A) Three members representing national
16 farm or producer organizations, which may in-
17 clude members—

18 “(i) representing farm cooperatives;

19 “(ii) who are producers actively en-
20 gaged in the production of a food animal
21 commodity and who are recommended by a
22 coalition of national livestock organiza-
23 tions;

24 “(iii) who are producers actively en-
25 gaged in the production of a plant com-

1 modity and who are recommended by a co-
2 alition of national crop organizations; or

3 “ (iv) who are producers actively en-
4 gaged in aquaculture and who are rec-
5 ommended by a coalition of national
6 aquacultural organizations.

7 “(B) Two members representing academic
8 or research societies, which may include mem-
9 bers representing—

10 “ (i) a national food animal science so-
11 ciety;

12 “ (ii) a national crop, soil, agronomy,
13 horticulture, plant pathology, or weed
14 science society;

15 “ (iii) a national food science organiza-
16 tion;

17 “ (iv) a national human health associa-
18 tion; or

19 “ (v) a national nutritional science so-
20 ciety.

21 “(C) Five members representing agricul-
22 tural research, extension, and education, which
23 shall include each of the following:

24 “ (i) One member representing the
25 land-grant colleges and universities eligible

1 to receive funds under the Act of July 2,
2 1862 (7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

3 “(ii) One member representing the
4 land-grant colleges and universities eligible
5 to receive funds under the Act of August
6 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including
7 Tuskegee University.

8 “(iii) One member representing the
9 1994 Institutions (as defined in section
10 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-
11 Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301
12 note; Public Law 103–382)).

13 “(iv) One member representing
14 NLGCA Institutions or Hispanic-serving
15 institutions.

16 “(v) One member representing the
17 American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine.

18 “(D) Five members representing industry,
19 consumer, or rural interests, including members
20 representing—

21 “(i) transportation of food and agri-
22 cultural products to domestic and foreign
23 markets;

24 “(ii) food retailing and marketing in-
25 terests;

- 1 “(iii) food and fiber processors;
2 “(iv) rural economic development;
3 “(v) a national consumer interest
4 group;
5 “(vi) a national forestry group;
6 “(vii) a national conservation or nat-
7 ural resource group; or
8 “(viii) private sector organizations in-
9 volved in international development.”;

10 (2) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
13 graph (A), by striking “review and” and
14 inserting “make recommendations, review,
15 and”;

16 (ii) by striking subparagraph (A) and
17 inserting the following new subparagraph:

18 “(A) long-term and short-term national
19 policies and priorities consistent with the—

20 “(i) purposes specified in section 1402
21 for agricultural research, extension, edu-
22 cation, and economics; and

23 “(ii) priority areas of the Agriculture
24 and Food Research Initiative specified in
25 subsection (b)(2) of the Competitive, Spe-

1 cial, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7
2 U.S.C. 3157(b)(2));” and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
4 clause (i) and inserting the following new
5 clause:

6 “(i) are in accordance with the—

7 “(I) purposes specified in a pro-
8 vision of a covered law (as defined in
9 subsection (d) of section 1492) under
10 which competitive grants (described in
11 subsection (c) of such section) are
12 awarded; and

13 “(II) priority areas of the Agri-
14 culture and Food Research Initiative
15 specified in subsection (b)(2) of the
16 Competitive, Special, and Facilities
17 Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C.
18 3157(b)(2)); and”;

19 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and
20 make recommendations to the Secretary based
21 on such evaluation” after “priorities”; and

22 (D) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and
23 make recommendations on” after “review”; and

1 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “2018” and
2 inserting “2023”.

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