

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1735

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve assistance to community wood facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2023

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve assistance to community wood facilities, and for other purposes.

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 “Community Wood Fa-
5 cilities Assistance Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY WOOD FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 9013 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
8 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8113) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**EN-**
2 **ERGY AND WOOD INNOVATION**” and inserting
3 “**FACILITIES GRANT**”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)(iii), in the matter
6 preceding subelause (I), by striking “woody bio-
7 mass, including” and inserting “primarily forest
8 biomass, including processing or manufac-
9 turing”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “Energy
11 and Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities
12 Grant”;

13 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “Energy and
14 Wood Innovation” and inserting “Facilities Grant”;

15 (4) in subsection (c)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “35” and
17 inserting “50”;

18 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

19 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
20 paragraph (2);

21 (5) in subsection (d), by striking “exceed—” in
22 the matter preceding paragraph (1) and all that fol-
23 lows through the period at the end of paragraph (2)
24 and inserting “exceed \$5,000,000.”;

25 (6) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

2 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
3 through (8) as paragraphs (1) through (7), re-
4 spectively; and

5 (C) in paragraph (1) (as so redesignated),
6 by inserting “or market competitiveness” after
7 “cost effectiveness”;

8 (7) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
11 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

12 (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated),
13 by striking “use or retrofitting (or both) of ex-
14 isting sawmill” and inserting “construction,
15 use, or retrofitting of forest products manufac-
16 turing”;

17 (8) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “5
19 megawatts of thermal energy or combined ther-
20 mal and electric energy” and inserting “15
21 megawatts of thermal energy”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “25 per-
23 cent” and inserting “50 percent”; and

24 (9) in subsection (h), by striking “\$25,000,000
25 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-

1 serting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
2 through 2028”.

3 **SEC. 3. WOOD INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
5 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7655d) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INNO-**
7 **VATION**” and inserting “**INNOVATIONS**”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
10 “**INCENTIVIZING USE OF EXISTING MILLING**”
11 and inserting “**EXPANDING FOREST PRODUCTS**
12 **MANUFACTURING**”; and

13 (B) by striking “use or retrofitting (or
14 both) of existing sawmill” and inserting “con-
15 struction, use, or retrofitting for forest products
16 manufacturing”; and

17 (3) in subsection (d), by inserting “50 percent
18 of” before “the amount”.

○