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To require training for State and regional employees of the Department of Agriculture on the rural housing and development programs of the Department.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. REQUIRED TRAINING OF DEPARTMENT OF AG-**
4 **RICULTURE EMPLOYEES ON RURAL HOUSING**
5 **AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

6 The Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure that the
7 training of regional and State employees of the Depart-
8 ment of Agriculture who are classified as national staff
9 and work on multifamily housing includes comprehensive

1 education about rural housing and development programs
2 of the Department, including—

3 (1) the utilization of multiple programs of the
4 Department by 1 project, particularly by mixed-use
5 developments;

6 (2) single and multifamily loan and grant pro-
7 grams of the Department;

8 (3) loan assistance available under section 514
9 and 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
10 1484, 1486), including renewal of loans and rental
11 assistance, loan restructuring, and decoupling of
12 rental assistance;

13 (4) technical assistance providers, including
14 nonprofit organizations and public housing agencies,
15 in the region; and

16 (5) information on other related Federal grant
17 and loan programs, including the HOME Invest-
18 ments Partnerships Program under subtitle A of
19 title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Afford-
20 able Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12741 et seq.), the
21 community development block grant program under
22 title I of the Housing and Community Development
23 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), and the low-

1 income housing tax credit program described in sec-
2 tion 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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