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# S. 2582

To establish an integrated research, education, and extension competitive grant program and scholarship grant program for certain Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving agricultural institutions, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

To establish an integrated research, education, and extension competitive grant program and scholarship grant program for certain Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving agricultural institutions, 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 “AANAPISI Oppor-  
5 tunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAMS SUPPORTING CERTAIN ASIAN**  
2 **AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC**  
3 **ISLANDER-SERVING AGRICULTURAL INSTITU-**  
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ASIAN AMERICAN.—The term “Asian Amer-  
7 ican” has the meaning given the term in section  
8 320(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
9 U.S.C. 1059g(b)).

10 (2) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-  
11 ered institution” means an institution of higher edu-  
12 cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Edu-  
13 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that—

14 (A) at the time of an application for a  
15 grant under this section, has a student body  
16 not less than 10 percent of which consists of  
17 students who are Asian American or Native  
18 American Pacific Islander; and

19 (B) offers associate, bachelors, or other ac-  
20 credited degree programs in agriculture-related  
21 fields.

22 (3) NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER.—  
23 The term “Native American Pacific Islander” has  
24 the meaning given the term in section 320(b) of the  
25 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
26 1059g(b)).

1           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of Agriculture.

3           (b) INTEGRATED RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EX-  
4 TENSION COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM ESTAB-  
5 LISHED.—

6           (1) COMPETITIVE GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Sub-  
7           ject to the availability of appropriations to carry out  
8           this section, the Secretary may award grants to cov-  
9           ered institutions on a competitive basis for inte-  
10          grated agricultural research, education, and exten-  
11          sion projects in accordance with this subsection.

12          (2) CRITERIA FOR GRANTS.—Grants under this  
13          subsection shall be awarded to address priorities in  
14          United States agriculture, as determined by the Sec-  
15          retary, in consultation with experts in Asian Amer-  
16          ican and Native American Pacific Islander agricul-  
17          tural issues, that involve integrated research, exten-  
18          sion, and education activities.

19          (3) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT.—

20           (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
21           graph (C), with respect to a grant under this  
22           subsection that provides a particular benefit to  
23           a priority area described in subsection (b)(2) of  
24           the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Re-  
25           search Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b)(2)), the re-

1 recipient of the grant shall provide non-Federal  
2 matching funds (which may include funds from  
3 an agricultural commodity promotion, research,  
4 and information program) equal to 50 percent  
5 of the amount of the grant.

6 (B) IN-KIND SUPPORT.—Non-Federal  
7 matching funds described in subparagraph (A)  
8 may include in-kind support.

9 (C) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive  
10 the matching funds requirement under subpara-  
11 graph (A) with respect to a grant if the Sec-  
12 retary determines that—

13 (i) the results of the grant are—

14 (I) of a particular benefit to a  
15 specific agricultural commodity; but

16 (II) are likely to be applicable to  
17 agricultural commodities generally; or

18 (ii)(I) the grant—

19 (aa) involves a minor commodity;

20 and

21 (bb) deals with scientifically im-  
22 portant research; and

23 (II) the recipient of the grant is un-  
24 able to satisfy the matching funds require-  
25 ment.

1           (4) TERM OF GRANT.—A grant under this sub-  
2           section shall have a term of not more than 5 years.

3           (c) SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM ESTAB-  
4           LISHED.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make  
6           grants to each covered institution for purposes of  
7           awarding scholarships to individuals who—

8                   (A) have been accepted for admission to  
9                   the covered institution;

10                   (B) will be enrolled at the covered institu-  
11                   tion not later than 1 year after the date of that  
12                   acceptance; and

13                   (C) intend to pursue a career in agri-  
14                   culture, including in the agricultural disciplines  
15                   of business, management, economics, engineer-  
16                   ing, mechanics, production, technology, agron-  
17                   omy, crop science, animal science, botany, food  
18                   science, forestry, home economics, nutrition,  
19                   horticulture, natural resources management,  
20                   soil conservation, soil science, farm and range  
21                   management, nonmedical biological sciences,  
22                   preveterinary medicine, computer science, and  
23                   such other disciplines as the Secretary deter-  
24                   mines appropriate.

1           (2) CONDITION.—The Secretary may only  
2           award a grant under this subsection to a covered in-  
3           stitution if the Secretary determines that the covered  
4           institution has established a competitive process for  
5           the award of scholarships to individuals described in  
6           paragraph (1).

7           (d) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after  
8           the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2 years  
9           thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee  
10          on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and  
11          the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-  
12          tives a report describing—

13                (1) the amount of funds provided to each cov-  
14                ered institution under subsections (a) and (b) during  
15                the period covered by the report; and

16                (2) for each fiscal year covered by the report—

17                    (A)(i) the number of grants awarded under  
18                    subsection (b); and

19                    (ii) the amount of each grant awarded  
20                    under that subsection; and

21                    (B)(i) the number of scholarships awarded  
22                    using amounts made available pursuant to each  
23                    grant provided under subsection (c); and

- 1 (ii) the amount of each scholarship award-
- 2 ed using those amounts.

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