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S. 3637

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a program for the procurement of domestically grown unprocessed fruits and vegetables to provide healthier school meals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Mr. WYDEN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local School Foods
5 Expansion Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTICALLY**
2 **GROWN UNPROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETA-**
3 **BLES.**

4 Section 6(f) of the Richard B. Russell National
5 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(f)) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
7 “PILOT PROJECT FOR PROCUREMENT OF” and in-
8 serting “PROGRAM FOR PROCUREMENT OF DOMES-
9 TICALLY GROWN”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “pilot project” and insert-
12 ing “program (referred to in this subsection as
13 the ‘program’)”;

14 (B) by striking “conduct” and inserting
15 “carry out”;

16 (C) by inserting “domestically grown” be-
17 fore “unprocessed”; and

18 (D) by striking “more than 8” and insert-
19 ing “less than 15”;

20 (3) by striking “pilot project” each place it ap-
21 pears and inserting “program”;

22 (4) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding
23 subparagraph (A), by inserting “domestically
24 grown” before “unprocessed”;

25 (5) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) the demonstrated ability of the States
7 to competitively procure domestically grown un-
8 processed fruits and vegetables.”;

9 (6) in paragraph (5)—

10 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
11 “RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING” and in-
12 serting “RECORDKEEPING, REPORTING, AND
13 EVALUATION”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

15 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
16 the end;

17 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(iii) the challenges and opportunities
22 presented by the program in the State.”;
23 and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(C) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2
2 years after the date of enactment of this
3 subparagraph, the Secretary shall evaluate
4 the impact of the program, including with
5 respect to—

6 “(I) the quantity and cost of
7 each type of unprocessed fruit and
8 vegetable procured by each State
9 under the program;

10 “(II) the benefit of the procured
11 unprocessed fruits and vegetables to
12 school food service in each State, in-
13 cluding the benefit to meeting school
14 meal requirements; and

15 “(III) the economic impact of the
16 program on agricultural producers in
17 the State.

18 “(ii) REPORT.—Not later than 4
19 years after the date of enactment of this
20 subparagraph, the Secretary shall submit
21 to the Committee on Agriculture of the
22 House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
24 estry of the Senate a report that describes
25 the results of the evaluation conducted

1 under clause (i) and an analysis of that
2 evaluation.”; and

3 (7) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) FUNDING.—

5 “(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—There is ap-
6 propriated to carry out this subsection
7 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
8 through 2023.

9 “(B) RESERVATION.—Of the funds appro-
10 priated under subparagraph (A) for each fiscal
11 year, \$10,000,000 shall be reserved for States
12 selected under the program under paragraph
13 (1) to carry out the activities described in sub-
14 paragraph (C)(i).

15 “(C) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TECHNICAL
16 ASSISTANCE.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The funds re-
18 served under subparagraph (B) shall be
19 used—

20 “(I) for the administrative costs
21 of carrying out the program; and

22 “(II) to provide technical assist-
23 ance and outreach to vendors to be-
24 come certified to participate in the
25 program.

1 “(ii) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—Of the
2 funds reserved under subparagraph (B),
3 each State selected under paragraph
4 (3)(A) shall receive not less than \$300,000
5 for each fiscal year during which the State
6 participates in the program.”.

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