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S. 372

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to modify the macadamia tree health initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) 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 “Macadamia Tree
5 Health Initiative Amendments Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MACADAMIA TREE HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

7 Section 1672(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
8 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)) is amend-
9 ed by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:

1 “(11) MACADAMIA TREE HEALTH INITIATIVE.—

2 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
3 the terms ‘noxious weed’ and ‘plant pest’ have
4 the meanings given those terms in section 403
5 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7702).

6 “(B) HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH AND EX-
7 TENSION.—Research and extension grants may
8 be made under this section for the purposes
9 of—

10 “(i) developing and disseminating
11 science-based tools and treatments to com-
12 bat plant pests and noxious weeds that im-
13 pact macadamia trees;

14 “(ii) establishing an areawide inte-
15 grated pest management program in areas
16 affected by, or areas at risk of being af-
17 fected by, invasive plant pests or noxious
18 weeds;

19 “(iii) surveying and collecting data on
20 macadamia tree production and health;

21 “(iv) investigating macadamia tree bi-
22 ology, immunology, ecology, genomics, and
23 bioinformatics; and

24 “(v) conducting research on various
25 factors that may contribute to or be associ-

1 ated with macadamia tree immune sys-
2 tems, and other serious threats to maca-
3 damia trees, including—

4 “(I) the sublethal effects of insecti-
5 cides, herbicides, and fungicides on
6 beneficial insects and plants to maca-
7 damia tree growth; and

8 “(II) the development of mitiga-
9 tive and preventative measures to im-
10 prove habitat conservation and best
11 management practices in macadamia
12 tree growing regions.

13 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
14 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
15 priated to carry out this paragraph such sums
16 as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2024
17 through 2035.”.

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