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S. 4168

To amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to extend and enhance the specialty crop block grants program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2024

Ms. BUTLER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. PADILLA) 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 “Specialty Crop Secu-
5 rity Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF SPECIALTY**
2 **CROP BLOCK GRANTS.**

3 Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness
4 Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108–465)
5 is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
7 paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “2023” and inserting
9 “2028”; and

10 (B) by inserting “through priorities estab-
11 lished annually by State program administra-
12 tors, in consultation with specialty crop pro-
13 ducers and producer groups” after “specialty
14 crops”;

15 (2) in subsection (e)—

16 (A) by striking “indicate how” and insert-
17 ing the following: “indicate—
18 “(1) how”;

19 (B) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
20 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
21 and”;

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

23 “(2) how outreach to, and consultation with,
24 specialty crop stakeholders will be achieved.”; and

25 (3) in subsection (l)(1)—

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

3 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking “fis-
4 cal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter.”
5 and inserting “each of fiscal years 2018
6 through 2023; and”; and

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

8 “(F) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2024
9 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

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