

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4345

To amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to reauthorize and expand State-wide assessments and strategies for forest resources.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2024

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

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## 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 “Branch Out Implemen-  
5 tation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENTS AND STRATEGIES FOR**  
2 **FOREST RESOURCES FUNDING.**

3 Section 2A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance  
4 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101a) is amended by striking  
5 subsection (f) and inserting the following:

6 “(f) FUNDING.—

7 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 There is authorized to be appropriated to develop  
9 and implement the State-wide assessment and State-  
10 wide strategy required by subsection (a) not more  
11 than \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008  
12 through 2029.

13 “(2) ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES.—In ad-  
14 dition to funds appropriated for a fiscal year pursu-  
15 ant to paragraph (1), the Secretary may use any  
16 other funds made available under this Act to develop  
17 and implement the State-wide assessment and State-  
18 wide strategy required by subsection (a), except that  
19 the total amount of combined funding to develop and  
20 implement that State-wide assessment and State-  
21 wide strategy may not exceed \$40,000,000 in any  
22 fiscal year.”.

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