

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to establish a competitive grant program for renewable fuel infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LOEBSACK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Renewable Fuel Utili-
5 zation, Expansion, and Leadership Act” or the “RE-
6 FUEL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Title IX of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
4 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 9014. RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY IN-**
7 **FRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall establish a renewable and alternative energy
10 infrastructure competitive grant program to provide
11 grants for renewable and alternative energy infrastructure
12 projects.

13 “(b) **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.**—A project shall be eligi-
14 ble for a grant under subsection (a) if the project—

15 “(1) is for new renewable and alternative en-
16 ergy infrastructure or retrofitting existing renewable
17 and alternative energy infrastructure for the dis-
18 pensing of covered renewable or alternative energy
19 for retail consumption; and

20 “(2) will be capable of dispensing fuel con-
21 taining an amount of covered renewable or alter-
22 native energy that is higher than ordinarily found in
23 commerce, as determined by the Secretary.

24 “(c) **PRIORITIZATION.**—In awarding grants under
25 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to projects
26 in rural areas.

1 “(d) MAXIMUM GRANT.—A grant awarded under this
2 section shall not exceed \$100,000.

3 “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—An entity that receives a
4 grant under this section shall contribute an amount of
5 non-Federal funds towards the project for which such enti-
6 ty receives such grant that is at least equal to 30 percent
7 of the amount of grant funds received by such entity under
8 this section for such project.

9 “(f) FUNDING.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts received by
11 the United States each fiscal year as royalties for
12 the production of oil under oil and gas leases grant-
13 ed under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf
14 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337), 1 percent shall be
15 available to the Secretary to carry out this section.

16 “(2) OTHER DISBURSEMENTS NOT AF-
17 FECTED.—Paragraph (1) shall not affect any re-
18 quirement to use amounts described in paragraph
19 (1) to make payments for any other purpose.

20 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) COVERED RENEWABLE OR ALTERNATIVE
22 ENERGY.—The term ‘covered renewable or alter-
23 native energy’ means renewable energy, energy in-
24 tended for use in electric vehicle charging, and hy-
25 drogen and fuel cells.

1 “(2) RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
2 INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term ‘renewable and alter-
3 native energy infrastructure’ includes pumps, stor-
4 age tanks, internal tank lining, piping, and electric
5 vehicle chargers used in the process of dispensing
6 fuel containing covered renewable or alternative en-
7 ergy.”.