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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share grants for retrofitting agricultural tractors with rollover protection structures, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. COST-SHARE GRANTS FOR ROLLOVER PROTEC-**

4 **TION STRUCTURES.**

5 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

6 (1) **APPROVED ROLLOVER PROTECTION STRUC-**

7 **TURE.**—The term “approved rollover protection

8 structure” means a rollover protection structure that

9 the Program Administrator determines—

- 1 (A) may be installed on eligible equipment;
 - 2 (B) includes a seatbelt; and
 - 3 (C) meets or exceeds the rollover protec-
 - 4 tion structure standards.

14 (4) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term “eligible
15 school” means—

- 16 (A) a vocational school that provides agri-
17 cultural instruction or training;

18 (B) an institution of higher education (as
19 defined in section 101 of the Higher Education
20 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that provides di-
21 rect, practical agricultural instruction or train-
22 ing; and

23 (C) a public or private secondary school
24 (as defined in section 8101 of the Elementary
25 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 7801)) the curriculum of which includes
2 an agricultural instruction or training compo-
3 nent.

4 (5) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.—The term
5 “Program Administrator” means the organization
6 selected by the Secretary under subsection (e)(1)(B).

7 (6) ROLLOVER PROTECTION STRUCTURE
8 STANDARDS.—The term “rollover protection struc-
9 ture standards” includes the following:

10 (A) The SAE J2194 and SAE J1194
11 standards issued by the Society of Automotive
12 Engineers (and successor standards).

13 (B) Any other relevant national or inter-
14 national rollover protection structure manufac-
15 turing or testing standards.

16 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Agriculture.

18 (b) COST-SHARE GRANTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
20 grants to eligible entities for the cost of purchasing,
21 transporting, and installing on eligible equipment
22 approved rollover protection structures.

23 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
25 subparagraph (B), the amount of a grant under

1 this section shall equal 70 percent of the costs
2 of the eligible entity to purchase, transport, and
3 install the approved rollover protection struc-
4 ture.

5 (B) EXCEPTION.—If, for an eligible entity
6 that is the recipient of a grant under this sec-
7 tion, the costs to purchase, transport, and in-
8 stall an approved rollover structure (as docu-
9 mented by the eligible entity) exceed \$500, the
10 amount of the grant shall be increased to cover
11 an increased percentage (as determined by the
12 Secretary) of such costs.

13 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

14 (1) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.—The Secretary
15 shall—

16 (A) seek competitive bids from nongovern-
17 mental organizations seeking to serve as the
18 Program Administrator under this section;

19 (B) select 1 organization from among the
20 organizations that submit bids under subpara-
21 graph (A); and

22 (C) enter into a cooperative agreement
23 with that organization to carry out the activities
24 described in paragraph (2).

3 (A) identify—
4 (i) approved rollover protection struc-
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6 (iii) eligible equipment:

9 (C) establish and administer a public
10 website and phone hotline with information nec-
11 essary—

12 (i) to inform eligible entities, as de-
13 scribed in subsection (a)(2), of the grant
14 opportunities made available by this act,
15 and

16 (ii) to administer the application proc-
17 ess under subsection (d).

18 (d) APPLICATIONS.—

4 (A) determine—

5 (i) whether the applicant is eligible for
6 a grant under this section; and

7 (ii) the amount of a grant under this
8 section for which the applicant is eligible;
9 and

10 (B) submit to the Secretary a notification
11 of the determinations under subparagraph (A).

12 (e) DISBURSEMENT.—On receipt of a notification
13 under subsection (d)(2)(B), if an applicant is eligible for
14 a grant under this section, the Secretary shall disburse
15 to the eligible entity the amount of the grant described
16 in subsection (d)(2)(A)(ii).

17 (f) FUNDING.—

22 (2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appro-
23 priated under paragraph (1) for each fiscal year—

24 (A) the Secretary shall use \$500,000 for
25 grants under this section; and

3 (i) \$125,000 for the promotion of,
4 and upgrades to the website referred to in
5 subsection (c)(2)(C); and

6 (ii) \$100,000 for the telephone hotline
7 referred to in such subsection.