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H. R. 2235

To amend the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 to revise the Resource Conservation and Development Program of the Department of Agriculture to require a planning process under the program that is locally led, to guarantee funds for the program for fiscal years 2008 through 2012, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2007

Mr. SPACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Resource Conservation
5 and Community Development Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **LOCALLY LED PLANNING PROCESS.**—Section
4 1528 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C.
5 3451) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “planning
7 process” in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
8 and inserting “locally led planning process”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking “council” and
10 inserting “locally led council”.

11 (b) **AUTHORIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—Section
12 1528(13) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16
13 U.S.C. 3451(13)) is amended by striking subparagraphs
14 (C) and (D) and inserting the following new subpara-
15 graphs:

16 “(C) providing assistance for the imple-
17 mentation of area plans and projects; and

18 “(D) providing services which bring to
19 bear the resources of Department of Agri-
20 culture programs in a local community, as de-
21 fined in the locally led planning process.”.

22 (c) **IMPROVED PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSIST-**
23 **ANCE.**—Section 1531 of the Agriculture and Food Act of
24 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3454) is amended—

25 (1) by inserting “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—” before
26 “In carrying”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b) COORDINATOR AND PROGRAM ASSISTANT.—To
4 improve the provision of technical assistance to councils
5 under this subtitle, the Secretary shall designate for each
6 council—

7 “(1) an individual, to be known as the ‘Coordi-
8 nator’, who shall be directly responsible for the pro-
9 vision of technical assistance to the council; and

10 “(2) an individual, to be known as the ‘program
11 assistant’, who shall assist in providing technical as-
12 sistance to the council.”.

13 (d) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—Section 1534 of the
14 Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3457) is
15 repealed.

16 (e) FUNDING.—Section 1537 of the Agriculture and
17 Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3460) is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 **“SEC. 1537. FUNDING.**

20 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall
21 use \$82,200,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit
22 Corporation to carry out this subtitle for each of the fiscal
23 year 2008 through 2012. Such funds shall remain avail-
24 able to carry out this subtitle until expended.

1 “(b) LIMITATION ON LOANS.—The Secretary shall
2 not use more than \$15,000,000 of any funds made avail-
3 able for a fiscal year to make loans under this subtitle.”.

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