

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to support research and development of ungulate grazing land management techniques for purposes of wildfire mitigation, fuel reduction, and post-fire recovery.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PADILLA 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildfire Resilience
5 Through Grazing Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRAZING FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION RESEARCH**
2 **AND DEVELOPMENT.**

3 Section 1672(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
4 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(d)) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(21) GRAZING FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION INI-
7 TIATIVE.—

8 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

9 “(i) LAND-GRANT INSTITUTION.—The
10 term ‘land-grant institution’ means an
11 1862 Institution, 1890 Institution, or 1994
12 Institution (as those terms are defined in
13 section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Ex-
14 tension, and Education Reform Act of
15 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)).

16 “(ii) UNGULATE.—The term
17 ‘ungulate’ means a hooved grazing mam-
18 mal.

19 “(B) INITIATIVE.—Research and extension
20 grants may be made under this section at land-
21 grant institutions for the purposes of—

22 “(i) supporting research and develop-
23 ment of ungulate grazing land manage-
24 ment techniques that—

25 “(I) promote wildfire mitigation,
26 fuel reduction, and post-fire recovery

1 on public land and private land, in-
2 cluding research and development re-
3 lating to understanding the economic
4 benefits of, and increasing social sup-
5 port for, such activities;

6 “(II) are compatible with activi-
7 ties that protect against adverse envi-
8 ronmental effects, including the
9 spread of invasive plant species and
10 disease, soil erosion, water quality
11 degradation, and watershed degrada-
12 tion, such as—

13 “(aa) rotational grazing;

14 “(bb) managed stocking
15 rates;

16 “(cc) riparian buffer zones;

17 “(dd) cover crops;

18 “(ee) fencing, including vir-
19 tual fencing;

20 “(ff) manipulation of wild
21 ungulate populations through
22 targeted wildlife management;
23 and

24 “(gg) water point manage-
25 ment techniques; and

1 “(III) improve soil health; and

2 “(ii) disseminating information to
3 public and private landowners, land man-
4 agers, and livestock owners, including
5 through providing educational materials
6 and conducting outreach programs, regard-
7 ing—

8 “(I) ungulate grazing land man-
9 agement techniques that promote
10 wildfire mitigation, fuel reduction, and
11 post-fire recovery; and

12 “(II) compatible activities de-
13 scribed in clause (i).”.