

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

June 30, 2021

Fiscal Year 2022 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration  
and Related Agencies Bill

**Manager's amendment**

**In the bill**

On page 6, line 17, strike "\$189,623,000" and insert "\$180,623,000".

On page 9, line 13, strike "\$1,637,046,000" and insert "\$1,638,046,000".

On page 43, line 15, strike "\$122,454,714" and insert "\$112,036,714".

On page 48, line 16, strike "\$6,000,000" and insert "\$8,000,000".

On page 50, line 8, strike "\$716,557,000" and insert "\$721,557,000".

On page 103, line 9, strike "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

**In the report**

On page 20, in the paragraph entitled "*Histomonas Research*", after the period insert the following and make conforming changes in the report:

The Committee provides \$1,000,000 to support these efforts.

On page 22, in the paragraph entitled "*National Agricultural Library (NAL)*", after the period insert the following:

Further, the Committee encourages ARS and NAL to engage in multi-year cooperative agreements to enhance NAL's ongoing work.

On page 39, in the paragraph entitled “*Final rule on horse protection*” insert the following at the end of the paragraph:

“The Committee notes that over four years have passed since the final rule, Horse Protection; Licensing of Designated Qualified Persons and Other Amendments (Docket No. APHIS -2011-0009) was prepared, and therefore encourages the Secretary to seek additional public comment before finalizing this rule.”

On page 43, before the header “Buildings and Facilities”, insert the following paragraph:

The Committee directs APHIS to spend no less than the fiscal year 2020 level for predator control in the protection of sheep.

On page 47, before the paragraph entitled “*Good Commercial Practices*” insert the following paragraph:

*Bison as Amenable Species.*—Within 90 days of enactment, the Committee directs FSIS to hold a listening session with buffalo/bison producers and related stakeholder groups, including tribes, to explore options for transitioning buffalo/bison to the amenable species list under the Federal Meat Inspection Act. The Committee expects a briefing on the listening session within 30 days after the listening session date.

On page 49, in the paragraph entitled “*Disaster Mitigation*”, between “disasters” and “have” on the second line, insert “including hurricanes, derechos, flooding, and heavy rainfall,” and at the end of the paragraph, insert the following: “The report should also provide cost estimates for necessary expenses related to replenishing the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program for loss of crops, including from high winds or derechos, as well as losses from fires as in the case of smoke tainted grapes.”

On page 57, after the paragraph entitled “*Feral Hogs*”, insert the following:

*Grazing Lands Conservation.*—The Committee recognizes the importance of collaborative technical assistance to help producers effectively manage grazing lands to protect water quality, improve soil health, sequester carbon in the soil, and increase resilience and producer profitability. The Committee directs NRCS to increase support for partnerships that provide grazing lands

conservation technical services such as grazing planning, workshops and demonstrations, peer-to-peer education, workforce training, and producer outreach, including support for partnerships that address unique needs at the local, state, and regional level.

On page 66, in the “Community Project Funding” table, on the ‘Village of Philmont Fire Department’ line strike “\$7,000,000” and insert “\$82,000” and make conforming change in the table on page 112.

On page 67, in the “Community Project Funding” table, on the ‘County of Nevada’ line strike “suppresion” and insert “suppression”.

On page 67, in the “Community Project Funding” table, on the ‘Brander Fire Department’ line strike “Brander” and insert “Bradner” and make conforming change in the table on page 112.

On page 67, in the “Community Project Funding” table, on the ‘City of Leavenworth’ line strike “Leavenworth” and insert “Ellensburg” and make conforming change in the table on page 113.

On page 71, in the first paragraph under “Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program”, strike “\$6,000,000” and insert “\$8,000,000” and make conforming changes in the table.

On page 72, at the end of the first full paragraph under “Committee Provisions” the first time it appears insert the following:

Additionally, the Committee strongly encourages the Department to ensure the robust development of best practices for opening retail stores in food deserts through the use of technical assistance.

On page 72, in the first paragraph under “Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account”, strike “\$716,557,000” and insert “\$721,557,000” and make conforming changes in the table.

On page 72, after the paragraph entitled “*Domestic Preference*”, insert the following:

*Health Effects of Contaminated Drinking Water.*— The Committee recognizes the possible adverse health effects of drinking water with elevated

contaminants, and the environmental and public health cost of polluted discharge into surface water. The Committee urges the Department to prioritize funding rural water systems that are out of compliance with federal and/or state drinking water and/or wastewater standards to bring those municipalities back into compliance.

On page 73, in the table atop the page in the “Committee Provision” column on the “Water and Waste Disposal Grants” line in the table strike “\$528,355” and insert “\$533,355” and under the “Total, Subsidies and Grants” line strike, “\$716,557” and insert “\$721,557”.

On page 75, in the “Community Project Funding” table, on the ‘City of Espinola’ line strike “Espinola” in both locations and insert “Espanola” and make conforming changes in the table on page 114.

On page 79, after the paragraph entitled “*Local Food in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)*”, insert the following:

*Meal Patterns.*—The Committee supports efforts to provide children with the most nutritious meals possible through the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program. Over the last ten years, we have seen schools make great strides in improving the nutritional quality of meals served. As the Department considers further changes to the current meal pattern standards, the Committee acknowledges the need to be sensitive to financial viability, student participation and stigmatization in the program. We urge the Department to consider the impact of any new standards on schools’ ability to serve nutrient dense components, including those that are dairy or meat protein based, as well to provide schools the necessary flexibility to serve regional and culturally-inclusive meals that also meet the wide variety of student dietary preferences.

On page 84, before the paragraph entitled “*TEFAP Handling and Distribution Costs.*”, insert the following:

*TEFAP and food boxes.*—The Committee believes that all federal feeding programs must be accessible for those with culturally or religiously sensitive diets, including kosher and halal. The Committee urges the Secretary to seek input from Jewish and Muslim community leaders on this issue. The Committee requests a report within 120 days from the enactment of this Act on how to overcome the challenges of incorporating kosher and halal food into TEFAP, as well the amount

of kosher and halal food purchased in the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, as well as TEFAP during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

On page 91, in the paragraph entitled “*Cannabidiol Enforcement*”, at the end of the paragraph insert the following:

“Additionally, the Committee maintains at least the fiscal year 2021 funding level for cannabidiol related oversight and enforcement.”

On page 95, after the paragraph entitled “*Gluten*”, insert the following:

*Hand Sanitizer Safety.*—The Committee is concerned that the FDA has not issued communication on the risks of refillable hand sanitizer dispensers. The Committee directs FDA to consider guidance or other communication to stakeholders on the risks and requirements of using open refillable dispensers for hand sanitizers, which may result in adulterated and mislabeled products.

On page 99, after the paragraph entitled “*OTC Acetaminophen Dosing Information for Children*”, insert the following:

*Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids.*—The Committee is concerned that while the FDA was statutorily required to release draft regulations for over-the-counter hearing aids by August 18, 2020, the FDA has not done so. The Committee urges the Commissioner to work expeditiously to release the draft regulations.

On page 100, in the paragraph entitled “*Plant Based Product Labeling*”, in the third sentence strike “directs” and insert “encourages”. Strike the period at the end of the paragraph and insert and the following: “, especially as it relates to such product labels with clear and conspicuous descriptors such plant-based, veggie, vegetarian, or vegan.”

On page 102, at the end of the paragraph entitled, “*Skin Lightening Products*” insert the following:

Further, the Committee has concerns about the overall safety of imported cosmetic products and directs the FDA to report back to Congress within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the staffing and budget resources it needs to enforce the physical inspection process, as well as the most up to date information on the

number and kinds of personal care products imported each year, the number of imported products that were inspected, and the number of contaminated products that were intercepted.