

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1426

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to establish a floriculture and nursery plant health initiative, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2023

Ms. TOKUDA (for herself and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Floriculture and Nurs-  
5 ery Plant Health Initiative Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING THE FLORICULTURE AND NURSERY**  
7 **PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1672(d) of the Food, Ag-  
9 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.

1 5925(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
2 new paragraph:

3           “(21) FLORICULTURE AND NURSERY PLANT  
4 HEALTH INITIATIVE.—Research and extension  
5 grants may be made under this section for the pur-  
6 poses of—

7           “(A) developing and disseminating science-  
8 based tools and treatments to combat plant  
9 pests (as defined in section 403 of the Plant  
10 Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7702)) and pathogens  
11 that impact floriculture and nursery crops;

12           “(B) establishing area-wide integrated pest  
13 management programs in areas affected by, or  
14 areas at risk of being affected by, invasive plant  
15 pests or pathogens;

16           “(C) surveying and collecting data on the  
17 production of, health of, and markets for flori-  
18 culture and nursery crops;

19           “(D) investigating the biology, genomics,  
20 and production systems of floriculture and  
21 nursery crops; and

22           “(E) conducting research on various fac-  
23 tors that may contribute to (or be associated  
24 with) resilient floriculture and nursery crop sys-  
25 tems, and combating other serious threats to

1 floriculture and nursery crops, including re-  
2 search on—

3 “(i) utilizing beneficial insects, soil  
4 improvement techniques, and chemicals  
5 (organic and nonorganic) to improve the  
6 health and productivity of floriculture and  
7 nursery crops;

8 “(ii) breeding new varieties to main-  
9 tain the worldwide market advantage of  
10 the floriculture and nursery crop indus-  
11 tries; and

12 “(iii) best management practices in  
13 floriculture and nursery crop growing re-  
14 gions under various climate conditions.”.

15 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
16 1672(h) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and  
17 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(h)) is amended by  
18 striking “2023” and inserting “2034”.

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