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# S. 2058

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2023

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “1890s Advancing and  
5 Building Leadership and Excellence Opportunity Act of  
6 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AT 1890 INSTITUTIONS.**

2 Section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-  
3 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5926(d)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “but not  
6 more than 10” after “not less than 3”;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the  
8 following:

9 “(G) CLIMATE CHANGE.—A center of ex-  
10 cellence established under paragraph (1) may  
11 focus on climate change adaption and mitiga-  
12 tion, soil health and carbon sequestration, nu-  
13 trient and manure management, advanced graz-  
14 ing management and crop-livestock integration,  
15 perennial production systems, agroforestry, on-  
16 farm and food system energy efficiency and re-  
17 newable energy production, and food waste re-  
18 duction.

19 “(H) FORESTRY RESILIENCE AND CON-  
20 SERVATION.—A center of excellence established  
21 under paragraph (1) may focus on fostering  
22 forest conservation, agroforestry, enhancing for-  
23 est resilience to climate change, and urban and  
24 community forestry programs to promote bio-  
25 diversity and environmental health.

1           “(I) FOOD SAFETY, BIOPROCESSING, AND  
2           VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE.—A center of ex-  
3           cellence established under paragraph (1) may  
4           focus on food safety, bioprocessing, value-added  
5           agriculture enterprise development, and innova-  
6           tive food and agriculture product development.

7           “(J) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES  
8           AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.—A center of excel-  
9           lence established under paragraph (1) may  
10          focus on the integration of the social sciences,  
11          including economics, psychology, rural soci-  
12          ology, and other social sciences and data  
13          sciences, into the food and agricultural sciences  
14          to develop comprehensive solutions to issues im-  
15          pacting underserved farmers and commu-  
16          nities.”; and

17          (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$10,000,000  
18          for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and in-  
19          serting “\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
20          through 2028”.

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