

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pollinator Habitat
3 Protection Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. GIVING POLLINATOR HABITAT AND PROTECTION A**
5 **PRIORITY IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) **ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT**
7 **FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.**—Section 1244 of the
8 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3844) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(c) **NATIVE AND MANAGED POLLINATORS.**—In car-
11 rying out any conservation program administered by the
12 Secretary, except the farmland protection program, the
13 Secretary shall establish a priority and provide incentives
14 for—

15 “(1) increasing habitat for native and managed
16 pollinators, especially native habitat; and

17 “(2) establishing cropping systems, integrated
18 pest management regimes, and other practices to
19 protect native and managed pollinators.”.

20 (b) **DESIGNATION OF POLLINATOR PROTECTION AS**
21 **NATIONAL PRIORITY RESOURCE CONCERN.**—Since in-
22 creasing awareness about the importance of pollinator pro-
23 tection to agricultural producers and ecosystem health is
24 a necessary step in facilitating pollinator stewardship, pro-
25 tection, and habitat conservation, it is the sense of Con-
26 gress that the Secretary of Agriculture should designate

1 pollinator protection as a “national priority resource con-
2 cern” for conservation programs administered by the De-
3 partment of Agriculture.

4 (c) AWARENESS AND USE OF POLLINATOR-FRIEND-
5 LY NATIVE PLANTS.—Since one of the obstacles for pro-
6 tecting and strengthening pollinator habitat is a chronic
7 shortage of native plants, including seed and nursery stock
8 for native plants, it is the sense of Congress that—

9 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture should continue
10 efforts to make nurseries and land managers aware
11 of pollinator-friendly native plants; and

12 (2) Plant Materials Centers of the Department
13 of Agriculture should emphasize pollinator-beneficial
14 native plantings for native and managed pollinator
15 habitat.