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H. R. 3952

To amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to establish a waiver from the matching requirement for certain grants under the specialty crop research initiative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2019

Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mr. COX of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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. WAIVER UNDER SPECIALTY CROP RESEARCH**
4 **INITIATIVE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 412(g)(3) of the Agricul-
6 tural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of
7 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “An enti-
2 ty” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (C), an
3 entity”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 paragraph:

6 “(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
7 the matching funds requirement under subpara-
8 graph (A) with respect to a grant made under
9 this section if the Secretary determines that—

10 “(i) the research conducted using
11 grant funds—

12 “(I) will benefit a specific spe-
13 cialty crop; and

14 “(II) are likely to be applicable to
15 agricultural commodities generally, in-
16 cluding specialty crops; or

17 “(ii)(I) the grant involves scientifically
18 important research; and

19 “(II) the recipient of such grant is
20 unable to satisfy such matching funds re-
21 quirement.”.

22 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-
23 section (a) shall apply with respect to grants awarded on
24 or after October 1, 2019.

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