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H. R. 7850

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide a waiver to the payment limitation under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2024

Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Mr. MOYLAN, and Mr. CASE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Eliminating Access
5 Barriers to Conservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.**

7 Section 1240G of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
8 U.S.C. 3839aa–7) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Not including payments made
2 under” and inserting the following:

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), not in-
4 cluding payments made under”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—In the case of a contract
7 entered into under the program for projects in high-cost
8 areas, including Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam,
9 the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Vir-
10 gin Islands, the Secretary may waive the payment limita-
11 tion described in subsection (a).”.

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