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H. R. 9531

To make projects in certain counties eligible for funding under the rural surface transportation grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. FONG, and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To make projects in certain counties eligible for funding under the rural surface transportation grant program, and for other purposes.

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. RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 Section 173 of title 23, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a) by adding at the end the
8 following:

1 “(3) COVERED COUNTY.—The term ‘covered
2 county’ means a county that has an annual gross
3 agricultural production value of at least
4 \$1,000,000,000 and agricultural production of at
5 least \$500,000 per square mile, adjusted annually
6 for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price
7 Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of
8 the Department of Labor.

9 “(4) FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD.—The term
10 ‘farm-to-market road’ means a road located within a
11 covered county.”;

12 (2) in subsection (i) by striking “subsection
13 (k)(1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (4) of
14 subsection (k)”;

15 (3) in subsection (k)—

16 (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
17 paragraph (5);

18 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
19 following:

20 “(4) FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS.—The Secretary
21 shall reserve 10 percent of the amounts made avail-
22 able for the program for each fiscal year to provide
23 grants for eligible projects located on farm-to-market
24 roads in any amount.”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)
2 by striking “or (3)” and inserting “(3), or (4)”;
3 and
4 (4) by adding at the end the following:
5 “(p) ELIGIBLE COVERED COUNTIES.—The Sec-
6 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture,
7 shall create, and annually update, a list of covered coun-
8 ties.”.

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