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# S. 371

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ) 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 “Coffee Plant Health  
5 Initiative Amendments Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COFFEE PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1672(d) of the Food, Ag-  
8 riculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.

1 5925(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (9) and insert-  
2 ing the following:

3 “(9) COFFEE PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Research and exten-  
5 sion grants may be made under this section for  
6 the purposes of—

7 “(i) developing and disseminating  
8 science-based tools and treatments to com-  
9 bat plant pests and noxious weeds that im-  
10 pact coffee plants;

11 “(ii) establishing an areawide inte-  
12 grated pest management program in areas  
13 affected by, or areas at risk of being af-  
14 fected by, plant pests or noxious weeds  
15 that impact coffee plants;

16 “(iii) surveying and collecting data on  
17 coffee plant production and health;

18 “(iv) investigating coffee plant biol-  
19 ogy, immunology, ecology, genomics, and  
20 bioinformatics; and

21 “(v) conducting research on—

22 “(I) factors that may contribute  
23 to or be associated with coffee plant  
24 immune systems;

1                   “(II) other serious threats to coffee plants, including the sublethal effects of insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides on insects and plants beneficial to coffee plant growth; and

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6                   “(III) the development of mitigating and preventative measures to improve habitat conservation and best management practices in coffee-growing regions.

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10                   “(B) DEFINITION OF NOXIOUS WEED; PLANT PEST.—In this paragraph, the terms ‘noxious weed’ and ‘plant pest’ have the meanings given those terms in section 403 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7702).”.

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16                   (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 17 1672(h) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and 18 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(h)) is amended by 19 striking “2023” and inserting “2035”.

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