

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8502

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on ways to increase opportunities for 1890 Institutions to conduct educational programs and provide technical assistance with respect to issues relating to the transfer of agricultural land and assets, including heirs property, to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SEWELL, and Mrs. BEATTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Heirs’ Agricultural Re-
3 sources, Viability, Education, and Succession Transfer” or
4 the “HARVEST Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT**
6 **TO TRANSFER OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND**
7 **ASSETS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
9 2026, the Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a study
10 on, and submit to Congress a report on, ways to increase
11 opportunities for 1890 Institutions (as defined in section
12 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education
13 Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)) to conduct edu-
14 cational programs and provide technical assistance with
15 respect to issues relating to the transfer of agricultural
16 land and assets, including heirs property, to the next gen-
17 eration of farmers and ranchers.

18 (b) HEIRS PROPERTY DEFINED.—In this section, the
19 term “heirs property” means real property held in tenancy
20 in common which, as of the date on which a partition ac-
21 tion is filed, satisfies all of the following requirements:

22 (1) There is no recorded agreement binding all
23 the co-tenants which governs the partition of the
24 property.

25 (2) One or more of the co-tenants acquired title
26 from a relative, whether living or deceased.

1 (3) Any of the following applies:

2 (A) 20 percent or more of the interests are
3 held by co-tenants who are relatives.

4 (B) 20 percent or more of the interests are
5 held by an individual who acquired title from a
6 relative, whether living or deceased.

7 (C) 20 percent or more of the co-tenants
8 are relatives.

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