

53 Roll Call # 11, defeated

Amendment Regarding Education and Training Programs for Agriculture Farm Workers

The amendment authorizes:

- A \$40 million competitive grants program for Hispanic Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACUs) to train Hispanic farm workers and other Hispanic youth working in agriculture-related fields for jobs requiring skills in new technologies in agriculture, food science, bio-energy and environmental science.
- A \$5 million special scholarship program for Hispanic youth from families employed in agriculture and food processing who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the agriculture or food science industries.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6083

OFFERED BY MR. BACA OF CALIFORNIA

(offered on behalf of himself) and Mr. Henry Cuellar of Texas

Page 372, after line 23, insert the following new sections (and redesignate the subsequent sections accordingly): .

1 **SEC. 7116. COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR HISPANIC**
2 **AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.**

3 Section 1456 of the National Agricultural Research,
4 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
5 3243) is amended—

6 (1) in the heading of subsection (e), by insert-
7 ing “FOR FUNDAMENTAL AND APPLIED RESEARCH”
8 after “PROGRAM”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(f) COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR HISPANIC
12 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.—

13 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall
14 award competitive grants to eligible entities to pro-
15 vide for training of Hispanic agricultural workers
16 and Hispanic youth working in agriculture-related
17 fields in the areas specified in paragraph (4).

1 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible entity under
2 this section is—

3 “(A) a Hispanic-serving institution that
4 has educational capacity in the food and agri-
5 cultural sciences; or

6 “(B) a Hispanic-serving agricultural col-
7 lege or university.

8 “(3) TRAINING AREAS.—An eligible entity re-
9 ceiving a grant under this subsection shall provide
10 training in the following areas:

11 “(A) New agricultural technology.

12 “(B) Food science and safety.

13 “(C) Bio-energy and environmental
14 science.

15 “(D) Other areas the Secretary determines
16 are appropriate.

17 “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiv-
18 ing a competitive grant under this subsection shall
19 use funds received through the grant only to provide
20 training to Hispanic agricultural workers and His-
21 panic youth working in agriculture-related fields in
22 the areas specified in paragraph (4), including—

23 “(A) the salary and expenses of faculty;

24 “(B) the purchase of equipment and mate-
25 rials; and

1 “(C) scholarships to eligible students (as
2 determined by the entity receiving the grant).

3 “(5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
4 ‘Hispanic youth’ means Hispanic individuals who—

5 “(A) have earned a regular secondary
6 school diploma (or its recognized equivalent);

7 “(B) have earned a certificate from a gen-
8 eral educational development (GED) program;

9 or

10 “(C) are secondary school dropouts.

11 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this subsection \$40,000,000 for the period of fiscal
14 years 2013 through 2017.”.

15 **SEC. 7117. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

16 Section 1456 of the National Agricultural Research,
17 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
18 3243) (as amended by section 7116) is further amended
19 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(g) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE HIS-
21 PANIC STUDENTS.—

22 “(1) SCHOLARSHIPS.—

23 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
24 shall select eligible Hispanic students to receive
25 a scholarship under this section for under-

1 graduate degrees, graduate degrees, and profes-
2 sional degrees in the study of agriculture and
3 food science or related areas of study at a His-
4 panic-serving institution or Hispanic-serving ag-
5 ricultural college or university.

6 “(B) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY, DIS-
7 BURSEMENT, AND DETERMINATION OF
8 AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall issue regulations
9 to establish—

10 “(i) the criteria for a Hispanic stu-
11 dent to be eligible for a scholarship under
12 this subsection;

13 “(ii) the application requirements for
14 such a scholarship;

15 “(iii) the criteria the Secretary shall
16 use to select scholarship recipients;

17 “(iv) the methods for the disburse-
18 ment of scholarship funds—

19 “(I) from the Secretary to the
20 Hispanic-serving institution or His-
21 panic-serving agricultural college or
22 university at which a scholarship re-
23 cipient is enrolled; and

24 “(II) from that institution or
25 that college or university to the schol-

1 arship recipient or the student ac-
2 count of such recipient, if applicable;
3 and

4 “(v) subject to subparagraph (D) and
5 taking into account the cost of attendance
6 submitted under subparagraph (C)(ii), the
7 method for determining the amount of a
8 scholarship awarded to a scholarship re-
9 cipient for an academic year (as defined in
10 section 481(a)(2) of the Higher Education
11 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(a)(2))).

12 “(C) ADMINISTRATION; COST OF ATTEND-
13 ANCE.—Each Hispanic-serving institution or
14 Hispanic-serving agricultural college or univer-
15 sity at which a scholarship recipient is enrolled
16 shall—

17 “(i) administer and monitor the schol-
18 arship program at such institution or col-
19 lege or university; and

20 “(ii) determine the average cost of at-
21 tendance for students in the same course
22 of study and carrying the same workload
23 as the scholarship recipient and submit
24 such costs to the Secretary for purposes of

1 making the determination referred to in
2 subparagraph (B)(iv).

3 “(D) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SCHOLAR-
4 SHIP.—

5 “(i) AMOUNT PER ACADEMIC YEAR.—
6 A scholarship awarded under this sub-
7 section may not exceed \$10,000 for an
8 academic year.

9 “(ii) TOTAL AMOUNT.—The total
10 amount of scholarships awarded under this
11 subsection to an individual recipient may
12 not exceed \$60,000.

13 “(2) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of the re-
14 ceipt of a scholarship awarded under this subsection
15 for an academic year, the scholarship recipient shall
16 enter into an agreement with the Secretary. Such
17 agreement shall include—

18 “(A) a provision requiring a scholarship re-
19 cipient to refund to the Secretary the amount
20 such recipient was awarded for an academic
21 year under this subsection if the recipient fails
22 to complete the academic year at the Hispanic-
23 serving institution or Hispanic-serving agricul-
24 tural college or university at which the scholar-
25 ship recipient is enrolled; and

1 “(B) a provision requiring a scholarship
2 recipient who has received a scholarship under
3 this subsection and who does not earn a degree
4 or certificate for their program of study by the
5 end of the normal duration of such program of
6 study at the institution at which the student is
7 enrolled shall, notwithstanding paragraph
8 (1)(D)(ii), be ineligible to receive a scholarship
9 under this subsection for any subsequent aca-
10 demic year.

11 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
12 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
14 2013 through 2017.”.

