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To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to allow for additional agricultural lands to be enrolled under the conservation reserve enhancement program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Mr. LAMALFA (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. COSTA, and Ms. MATSUI) 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 “Pacific Flyway Habitat
5 Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 1231A of the Food Security Act of 1985 is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
6 section (g); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(f) SEASONALLY FLOODED WORKING LANDS HABI-
10 TAT CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an agree-
12 ment entered into under subsection (b)(1) that ad-
13 dresses diminished quantity and quality of wetland
14 wildlife habitats, the Secretary, in consultation with
15 the applicable State technical committee established
16 under section 1261(a), may—

17 “(A) enroll other agricultural land that is
18 not eligible land on which the resource concerns
19 identified in the agreement can be addressed if
20 the enrollment of such other agricultural land is
21 critical to the accomplishment of the purposes
22 of the agreement;

23 “(B) if the agreement involves the mainte-
24 nance of habitat for one or more wetland-de-
25 pendent species on working cropland, permit
26 seasonally flooded agricultural uses on such

1 working cropland with the adoption of at least
2 one best management practice; and

3 “(C) calculate annual rental payments in a
4 manner that—

5 “(i) is comparable with annual costs
6 to maintain other seasonally-flooded wet-
7 land wildlife habitats in the region; and

8 “(ii) ensures regional consistency in
9 those rental payment rates.

10 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT WAIVER.—In
11 the case of an agreement described in paragraph (1),
12 the Secretary may waive the matching requirement
13 described in subsection (c)(1).”.

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