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To establish the Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Advancement  
Commission in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. MOORE of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Advancement Commission in the Department of 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “BECCS Advancement  
5       Commission Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. BIOENERGY WITH CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE**  
2 **ADVANCEMENT COMMISSION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
4 Department of Agriculture a commission to be known as  
5 the “Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Ad-  
6 vancement Commission” or the “BECCS Advancement  
7 Commission”.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-  
9 posed of the following members:

10 (1) The Under Secretary of Agriculture for  
11 Rural Development.

12 (2) The Chief of the Forest Service, or a des-  
13 ignee of the Chief under the supervision of the  
14 Chief.

15 (3) The Director of the Bureau of Land Man-  
16 agement, or a designee of the Director under the su-  
17 pervision of the Director.

18 (4) The Director of the Bioenergy Technologies  
19 Office of the Department of Energy, or a designee  
20 of the Director under the supervision of the Direc-  
21 tor.

22 (5) A representative of the National Association  
23 of State Foresters.

24 (6) A representative from the commercial tim-  
25 ber industry.

1 (7) A representative of the National Association  
2 of State Energy Officials.

3 (8) 4 representatives from the BECCS indus-  
4 try.

5 (9) At least 1, and not more than 2, represent-  
6 atives of counties receiving Federal funds under the  
7 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
8 mination Act of 2000.

9 (c) APPOINTMENT.—Within 180 days after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall appoint—

11 (1) each member described in paragraphs (5)  
12 through (7) of subsection (b), in consultation with  
13 the organization concerned;

14 (2) each member described in subsection (b)(8),  
15 in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior  
16 and the Secretary of Energy; and

17 (3) each member described in subsection (b)(9),  
18 from—

19 (A) nominations submitted to the Sec-  
20 retary by the counties described in the sub-  
21 section or the States in which the counties are  
22 located; and

23 (B) a different State than the other such  
24 member, if the Secretary appoints more than 1  
25 such member.

1 (d) CHAIR.—Subject to subsection (e), the Under  
2 Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall  
3 serve as—

4 (1) the chair of the Commission; and

5 (2) the designated officer or employee of the  
6 Federal Government for purposes of section 1009(e)  
7 of title 5, United States Code.

8 (e) REMOVAL; VACANCIES.—

9 (1) REMOVAL.—The Secretary may remove a  
10 member described in paragraphs (5) through (9) of  
11 subsection (b) only for cause.

12 (2) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR IF UNDER SEC-  
13 RETARY IS UNAVAILABLE.—If the position of Under  
14 Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development is  
15 vacant, the Secretary may appoint a member de-  
16 scribed in paragraphs (2) through (4) of subsection  
17 (b) to serve in the roles described in subsection (d)  
18 during the vacancy.

19 (3) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commis-  
20 sion—

21 (A) shall not affect the powers of the Com-  
22 mission; and

23 (B) shall be filled in the same manner as  
24 the original appointment.

25 (f) MEETINGS.—

1           (1) INITIAL MEETING.—Within 30 days after  
2           all members of the Commission have been appointed,  
3           the Commission shall hold the first meeting of the  
4           Commission.

5           (2) FREQUENCY.—The Commission shall meet  
6           not less frequently than once every 90 days.

7           (3) TYPE.—The Commission may hold meet-  
8           ings, and a member of the Commission may partici-  
9           pate in a meeting through teleconference, video con-  
10          ference, or similar means.

11          (4) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
12          the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a  
13          lesser number of members may hold hearings.

14          (g) DUTIES.—

15               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall make  
16               policy recommendations and metrics for the improve-  
17               ment of Federal policy with respect to—

18                       (A) the development and implementation of  
19                       systems or power plants utilizing bioenergy with  
20                       carbon capture and storage throughout the  
21                       United States; and

22                       (B) the benefits of a growing BECCS in-  
23                       dustry on surrounding communities, forest  
24                       health, and wildfire management in the United  
25                       States.

1           (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 1 year  
2       after the date of the first meeting of the Commis-  
3       sion, the Commission shall submit to the appropriate  
4       congressional committees a report on the following:

5           (A) Policy recommendations, taking into  
6       account short-term and long-term goals, for the  
7       modernization and expansion of the use of sys-  
8       tems or power plants utilizing bioenergy with  
9       carbon capture and storage in the United  
10      States, including with respect to—

11           (i) the effect of deployment of the sys-  
12      tems or power plants on job growth in  
13      local communities;

14           (ii) energy costs;

15           (iii) energy reliability;

16           (iv) strengthening the domestic energy  
17      supply chain; and

18           (v) meeting the energy demands of ar-  
19      tificial intelligence infrastructure and data  
20      centers.

21           (B) Metrics to quantitatively assess the  
22      benefits of systems or power plants utilizing  
23      bioenergy with carbon capture and storage with  
24      respect to—

25           (i) domestic forest health;

- 1 (ii) wildfire mitigation;
- 2 (iii) clean energy production; and
- 3 (iv) economic development of the for-
- 4 estry sector.

5 (C) Identification of Federal policies to fa-  
6 cilitate the development of systems or power  
7 plants utilizing bioenergy with carbon capture  
8 and storage in the United States.

9 (D) Recommendations with respect to leg-  
10 islative and regulatory changes to facilitate the  
11 use of biomass from federally managed lands,  
12 consistent with wildfire and wildlife manage-  
13 ment objectives for such lands, for systems or  
14 power plants utilizing bioenergy with carbon  
15 capture and storage, including—

- 16 (i) streamlined biomass offtake con-  
17 tracts; and
- 18 (ii) interagency coordination between  
19 Federal land managers and the BECCS in-  
20 dustry.

21 (E) Any other recommendation or metric  
22 consistent with paragraph (1).

23 (3) INTERIM REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The  
24 Commission may submit to the appropriate congres-  
25 sional committees, at the sole discretion of the Com-

1 mission, 1 or more interim reports relating to any  
2 matter described in paragraph (2).

3 (h) POWERS.—

4 (1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold  
5 such hearings, sit and act at such times and places,  
6 take such testimony, and receive such evidence as  
7 the Commission considers advisable to carry out this  
8 Act.

9 (2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may  
11 secure directly from a Federal department or  
12 agency such information as the Commission  
13 considers necessary to carry out this Act.

14 (B) FURNISHING INFORMATION.—On re-  
15 quest of the chair of the Commission, the head  
16 of the department or agency shall furnish the  
17 information to the Commission.

18 (3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may  
19 use the United States mails in the same manner and  
20 under the same conditions as other departments and  
21 agencies of the Federal Government.

22 (4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use,  
23 or dispose of such gifts or donations of services or  
24 property as the Commission considers necessary to  
25 carry out this Act.



1 (i) COMPENSATION; TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member  
2 of the Commission shall—

3 (1) serve without compensation; and

4 (2) be allowed travel expenses, including per  
5 diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for  
6 employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter  
7 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from  
8 their homes or regular places of business in the per-  
9 formance of services for the Commission.

10 (j) PERSONNEL.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—To assist the Commission in  
12 carrying out this Act, the chair of the Commission  
13 may, without regard to the civil service laws (includ-  
14 ing regulations), appoint and terminate—

15 (A) an executive director, subject to the  
16 approval of the Commission; and

17 (B) such other additional personnel as may  
18 be determined necessary by the chair of the  
19 Commission.

20 (2) COMPENSATION.—The chair of the Commis-  
21 sion may fix the compensation of the personnel ap-  
22 pointed under this subsection without regard to  
23 chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title  
24 5, United States Code, relating to classification of  
25 positions and General Schedule pay rates, except

1       that the rate of pay for the personnel may not ex-  
2       ceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive  
3       Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

4           (3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—On  
5       the request of the chair of the Commission, the head  
6       of any Federal department or agency may detail, on  
7       a nonreimbursable basis, any of the personnel of  
8       that department or agency to the Commission to as-  
9       sist the Commission in carrying out this Act, and  
10      such detail shall be without interruption or loss of  
11      civil service status or privilege.

12          (4) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTER-  
13      MITTENT SERVICES.—The chair of the Commission  
14      may procure temporary or intermittent services  
15      under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code,  
16      at rates for individuals that do not exceed the daily  
17      equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed  
18      for level V of the Executive Schedule under section  
19      5316 of such title.

20          (k) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
21      on the date that is 180 days after the Commission submits  
22      the report pursuant to subsection (g)(2).

23          (l) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, in consultation  
24      with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of  
25      Energy, may prescribe regulations to carry out this Act.

1 (m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
3 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
4 mittees” means—

5 (A) the Committee on Agriculture of the  
6 House of Representatives;

7 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
8 of the House of Representatives;

9 (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
10 merce of the House of Representatives;

11 (D) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
12 tion, and Forestry of the Senate; and

13 (E) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
14 Resources of the Senate.

15 (2) BECCS INDUSTRY.—The term “BECCS in-  
16 dustry” shall have the meaning given the term under  
17 a rule or regulation prescribed under subsection (1).

18 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
19 means the Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Stor-  
20 age Advancement Commission established under  
21 subsection (a).

22 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of Agriculture.