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# S. 2541

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to conduct research and development on the inclusion of certain oilseed crops in double cropping policies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. BRITT) 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 “Mid-South Oilseed  
5 Double Cropping Study Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON INCLUSION OF CERTAIN OILSEED CROPS**  
 2 **UNDER DOUBLE CROPPING POLICIES.**

3 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7  
 4 U.S.C. 1522(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 5 lowing:

6 “(20) DOUBLE CROPPING OF CERTAIN OILSEED  
 7 CROPS.—

8 “(A) DEFINITION OF COVERED OILSEED  
 9 CROPS.—In this paragraph, the term ‘covered  
 10 oilseed crops’ means rapeseed and canola crops.

11 “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—  
 12 The Corporation shall carry out research and  
 13 development, or offer to enter into 1 or more  
 14 contracts with 1 or more qualified persons to  
 15 carry out research and development, with re-  
 16 spect to the inclusion of covered oilseed crops  
 17 under double cropping policies.

18 “(C) REQUIREMENTS.—The research car-  
 19 ried out pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be  
 20 conducted in consultation with stakeholders to  
 21 evaluate—

22 “(i) the economic and environmental  
 23 benefits of incorporating covered oilseed  
 24 crops into double cropping policies; and

25 “(ii) the potential risks associated  
 26 with incorporating covered oilseed crops

1           into double cropping policies, specifically  
2           with respect to winter-planted covered oil-  
3           seed crops, including risks to soil health,  
4           biodiversity, and the profitability of farm-  
5           ing operations.

6           “(D) EMPHASIS.—In awarding contracts  
7           under subparagraph (B), the Corporation may  
8           place emphasis on persons and institutions  
9           that—

10                   “(i) have previous research experience  
11                   with covered oilseed crops; and

12                   “(ii) have access to a facility with the  
13                   capacity to do the applicable research.

14           “(E) REPORT.—Not later than 13 months  
15           after the date of enactment of this paragraph,  
16           the Corporation shall submit to the Committee  
17           on Agriculture of the House of Representatives  
18           and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
19           and Forestry of the Senate a report that de-  
20           scribes—

21                   “(i) the results of the research and  
22                   development carried out under subpara-  
23                   graph (B); and

- 1                   “(ii) any recommendations with re-
- 2                   spect to those results.”.

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