

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 557

To establish a pilot program for native plant species, and
for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native Plant Species
5 Pilot Program Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR NATIVE PLANT SPECIES.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date on which funds are made available to carry out
9 this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this
10 section as the “Secretary”) shall, in accordance with any
11 existing laws and management policies, carry out a pilot
12 program to prioritize the use of native plant species within

1 geographically diverse units of the National Park System
2 and public land administered by the Bureau of Land Man-
3 agement.

4 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out the pilot
5 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, to the
6 extent practicable—

7 (1) give preference to the use of locally adapted
8 native plant materials where appropriate;

9 (2) incorporate efforts to prevent, control, or
10 eradicate the spread of invasive species;

11 (3) incorporate efforts to use native plants in
12 areas that have experienced a recent wildfire event;
13 and

14 (4) identify situations in which the use of non-
15 native plants may be warranted.

16 (c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall, in carrying
17 out the pilot program under subsection (a), coordinate ac-
18 tivities with—

19 (1) the National Seed Strategy of the Bureau
20 of Land Management;

21 (2) the Plant Conservation Alliance; and

22 (3) the Plant Materials Centers of the Natural
23 Resources Conservation Service.

24 (d) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
25 carry out the pilot program under subsection (a) termi-

1 nates on the date that is 5 years after the date on which
2 the pilot program is established under that subsection.

3 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 on which the authority to carry out the pilot program ter-
5 minates under subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit
6 to Congress a report describing—

7 (1) the results of the pilot program carried out
8 under subsection (a); and

9 (2) the cost-effectiveness of using native plants
10 in units of the National Park System and public
11 land administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
12 ment.