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To establish a pilot program on research and development of plant-based protein for the Navy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. PILOT PROGRAM ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-**
4 **MENT OF PLANT-BASED PROTEIN FOR THE**
5 **NAVY.**

6 **[(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—**Not later than March 1,
7 2023, the Secretary of the Navy shall establish and carry
8 out a pilot program to offer plant-based protein options
9 at **[forward operating bases]** *[should this be “naval facili-*
10 *ties” to match the rest of the bill text (assuming that naval*

1 *facilities are a subset of forward operating bases under the*
2 *control of the Navy)】* for consumption by members of the
3 Navy.】

4 (b) LOCATIONS.—Not later than March 1, 2023, the
5 Secretary shall identify not fewer than two naval facilities
6 to participate in the pilot program and shall prioritize fa-
7 cilities (such as Joint Region Marianas, Guam, Navy Sup-
8 port Facility Diego Garcia, and U.S. Fleet Activities
9 Sasebo, Japan) where livestock-based protein options may
10 be costly to obtain or store.

11 (c) AUTHORITIES.—In establishing and carrying out
12 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary of
13 the Navy may use the following authorities:

14 (1) The authority to carry out research and de-
15 velopment projects under section 4001 of title 10,
16 United States Code.

17 (2) The authority to enter into transactions
18 other than contracts and grants under section 4021
19 of such title.

20 (3) The authority to enter into cooperative re-
21 search and development agreements under section
22 4026 of such title.

23 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
24 shall be construed to prevent offering livestock-based pro-

1 tein options alongside plant-based protein options at naval
2 facilities identified under subsection (b).

3 (e) TERMINATION.—The requirement to carry out the
4 pilot program established under this section shall termi-
5 nate three years after the date on which the Secretary es-
6 tablishes the pilot program required under this section.

7 (f) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the ter-
8 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
9 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
10 the pilot program that includes the following:

11 (1) The consumption rate of plant-based pro-
12 tein options by members of the Navy **【under the**
13 **pilot program】** *【suggest “at forward operating bases/*
14 *naval facilities participating in the pilot program”】*.

15 (2) Effective criteria to increase plant-based
16 protein options at naval facilities not identified
17 under subsection (b).

18 (3) An analysis of the costs of obtaining and
19 storing plant-based protein options compared to the
20 costs of obtaining and storing livestock-based protein
21 options at **【selected naval facilities】** *【selected how?*
22 *by whom? Is the intent that these facilities are dif-*
23 *ferent from those identified under subsection (b)?】*.

24 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means the Committees on Armed Services
4 of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

5 (2) PLANT-BASED PROTEIN OPTIONS.—The
6 term “plant-based protein options” means edible
7 vegan or vegetarian meat alternative products made
8 using plant and other non-livestock-based proteins.

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