



HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The 2008 Farm Bill

The Food and Energy Security Act and Hispanic-Serving Institutions

H.R. 2419 - PL 110-234

Authorized Provisions

- Provision I** **Title VII:** Competitive Grant Program for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (Reauthorized)
For Infrastructure Enhancement: To strengthen institutions abilities to carry out education, applied research, and related community development programs.
New funding authorization: \$40 million
- Provision II** **Title VII:** Hispanic-Serving Agriculture Colleges and Universities (HSACU)
(i) Qualify as a Hispanic-Serving Institution
(ii) Offer associate, bachelors, or other accredited degree programs in agriculture and related fields
- Provision III** **Title VII:** Endowment Fund for HSACUs
Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities Fund
Source: Appropriations and interest earned on endowment
Distribution: October 1 of each fiscal year; 60 percent shall be distributed among the Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities on a pro rata basis based on the Hispanic enrollment of each institution; 40% equal shares to HSACUs
Funding authorization: \$80,000 multiplied by the number of HSACUs
- Provision IV** **Title VII:** Institutional Capacity-Building Grant Program for HSACUs
A competitive grant program for institutional capacity building (not including alteration, repair, renovation, or construction of buildings).
Funding Authorization: such sums as may be necessary
- Provision V** **Title VII:** Competitive Grant Program for HSACUs
To fund fundamental and applied research in agriculture, human, nutrition, food science, bioenergy and environmental science.
Funding authorization: such sums as may be necessary
- Provision VI** **Title VII:** Eligibility of HSACUs for International Agriculture Research and Extension to promote and support development of a viable and sustainable global agriculture system; anti-hunger and improved international nutrition efforts; and increased quantity, quality and availability of food.
- Provision VII** **Title VIII:** Hispanic-Serving Institution Agricultural Land National Resources Leadership Program. A competitive grants program to establish an undergraduate scholarship program to assist in the recruitment, retention and training of Hispanics and under-represented groups for careers in forestry and related fields.
Funding Authorization: such sums as may be necessary
- Other Provisions** **Road Map** – 90 days after enactment of PL 110-234 the Secretary shall commence preparation of a road map for agricultural research, education and extension that describes recommended funding levels for areas of agriculture research, education and extension, including Hispanic-Serving Agriculture Colleges and Universities; not later than 1 year after the date on which the Secretary commences preparation of the roadmap the Secretary shall implement and use the roadmap to set the research, education and extension agenda of the Department of Agriculture.