

SENATE BILL No. 71

By Senators Alley and Francisco

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1 AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the Kansas department of
2 agriculture; ~~requiring~~ the secretary of agriculture to establish a ~~division~~
3 ~~of sustainable agriculture that shall apply for federal grant funds [under~~
4 ~~the greenhouse gas reduction fund]~~ to assist farmers in converting to
5 renewable energy and sustainable agriculture practices.
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authorizing

nonprofit organization and

7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Renewable natural gas plant" means a facility that converts
10 agricultural commodities ~~to methane.~~

or byproducts

11 (2) "Sustainable agriculture district" means an improvement district
12 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2753 et seq., and amendments thereto,
13 to provide means whereby producers of agricultural commodities can reap
14 economic benefits from renewable energy and sustainable agriculture
15 practices.

while limiting consumptive water use

16 (3) "Sustainable ammonia or urea plant" means a facility that
17 produces ammonia or urea, has a capacity of less than 50,000 tons per year
18 and either:

19 (A) Does not consume methane as feedstock; or

20 (B) (i) consumes predominantly biomethane as feedstock; or

21 (ii) sequesters at least 60% of the carbon dioxide produced by
22 methane consumption.

The secretary of agriculture shall create a nonprofit organization called the "Kansas sustainable agriculture fund". Such nonprofit organization shall be qualified to obtain funds through federal grants.

23 (b) ~~[(1) On or before June 1, 2023, the Kansas department of~~
24 ~~agriculture shall establish a division of sustainable agriculture.~~

(c) The secretary

25 ~~(2) Such division of sustainable agriculture]~~ shall have the express
26 ~~purpose of dispersing~~ grants, loans, bond guarantees and other financial
27 and technical assistance ~~to~~ sustainable agriculture districts using funds
28 obtained by grants from the federal greenhouse gas reduction fund
29 established by 42 U.S.C. § 7434 for the construction and commissioning
30 of renewable natural gas plants or sustainable ammonia or urea plants, or a
31 combination of both.

ability to allocate federal

from the Kansas sustainable agriculture fund

32 ~~[(c) (1) The secretary of agriculture shall further create a nonprofit~~
33 ~~organization called "the Kansas sustainable agriculture fund" that qualifies~~
34 ~~as an eligible recipient within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 7434.~~

35 ~~(2) Such nonprofit organization shall be designed to obtain funds~~
36 ~~through federal grants under 42 U.S.C. § 7434.]~~

1 ~~[(3) Such funds shall be used to provide capital, leverage private~~
2 ~~capital and provide other forms of financial assistance to sustainable~~
3 ~~agriculture districts for the construction and commissioning of renewable~~
4 ~~natural gas plants or sustainable ammonia or urea plants, or a combination~~
5 ~~of both.]~~

6 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the Kansas register.

(d) This section shall apply to any facility commissioned after January 1, 2023.

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