

Kagen Amendment: Energy Independent Farm Pilot Program

This proposed amendment would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to distribute grants to farmer for the purpose of establishing the feasibility of making farms energy independent using existing technologies. The authorization of this program would be \$5,000,000 for FY2008-2012.

The need for alternative sources of energy is clearly evident in the direction of this title. Authorizing this pilot program would allow the Secretary of Agriculture to determine if local farms can currently become energy independent and help to reduce our nation's demand for energy.

AMENDMENT TO FARM BILL
OFFERED BY MR. KAGEN OF WISCONSIN

At the appropriate place in title IX, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . FARM ENERGY PRODUCTION PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
3 establish a pilot program to provide grants to farmers for
4 the purpose of demonstrating the feasibility of making a
5 farm energy neutral using existing technologies.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$5,000,000 for fiscal years 2008 through 2012.