

Comments: Research Title Preliminary Discussion Draft

Section 7101.—*The section is intended to establish the framework for further discussion as to how to structure REE funding. The provision is contained in CREATE-21. The committee deferred any suggested funding authorizations/changes to existing programs pending further development and ongoing discussions in preparation for full committee mark up.*

Section 7102.—*Contained in CREATE-21.*

Section 7103.—*A core tenet of CREATE-21 is programmatic integration versus ad hoc integration at the project level. This, along with Section 7104, is the Committee's attempt to address agency consolidation contained within CREATE-21.*

Section 7104.—*Similar in concept to key components of both CREATE-21 and the Danforth proposal in that it provides a single point of focus and "home" for REE's competitive programs.*

Section 7105.—*Similar to CREATE-21 for funding in that it provides a statutory balance between integrated and basic research and seeks to capture and utilize funds in a more secure setting.*

Section 7106.—*Not contained in CREATE-21, the bioeconomy was a major driver of a more integrated approach and the need for enhanced funding that is called for in CREATE-21. Key component of USDA's proposal.*

Section 7109.—*Not contained in CREATE-21, specialty crops were a major driver of a more integrated approach and the need for enhanced funding that is called for in CREATE-21. Key component of USDA's proposal.*

Sections 7201-7221, 7301-7307, 7401-7411 and 7501-7509.—*All of these provisions contained within CREATE-21*

Section 7510.—*Key component of USDA's proposal.*

General Comments: *As explained briefly in the accompanying alert, there are numerous provisions contained within CREATE-21 (S. 1094 and H.R. 2398) that are not specifically contained within the initial committee draft.*

- 1. Consolidation/integration of ARS, USFS R&D, ERS and CSREES en mass.*
- 2. The specific funding mechanisms and prescribed funding growth language "pachinko machine".*
- 3. Title IV provisions (EFNEP, ASCARR, Forestry, International, 1890's, Conservation, etc.) as contained in H.R. 2398.*