

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to reauthorize and expand State-wide assessments and strategies for forest resources.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Branch Out Implemen-
5 tation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENTS AND STRATEGIES FOR**
2 **FOREST RESOURCES FUNDING.**

3 Section 2A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance
4 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101a) is amended by striking
5 subsection (f) and inserting the following:

6 “(f) FUNDING.—

7 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 There is authorized to be appropriated to develop
9 and implement the State-wide assessment and State-
10 wide strategy required by subsection (a) not more
11 than \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
12 through 2029.

13 “(2) ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES.—In ad-
14 dition to funds appropriated for a fiscal year pursu-
15 ant to paragraph (1), the Secretary may use any
16 other funds made available under this Act to develop
17 and implement the State-wide assessment and State-
18 wide strategy required by subsection (a), except that
19 the total amount of combined funding to develop and
20 implement that State-wide assessment and State-
21 wide strategy may not exceed \$40,000,000 in any
22 fiscal year.”.