

# SB-51

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Jordan of Alabama introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "This act may be cited as the "Reforest America Act".

### SECTION 2.

Funding from The United States Forest Service, Department of Interior and the funds presented by President Joe Biden in the Great American Outdoors' Act will be appropriated toward organizations and companies working to replant and populate the forests of America. The funds will amount to \$350 Million USD.

1. Funding is needed to attempt to save the United States from the vast amount of problems arising from the act of deforestation.
2. The money sent to these organizations will help furnish the success of the projects.
3. In addition, this funding will supply many Americans seeking help and employment to support themselves and their families after the devastation of COVID-19.
  - a. According to news analysts and experts, unemployment rates in the United States have reached one of the highest in history since the Great Depression.
  - b. More than 20 million people become unemployed after the devastation of COVID-19.
  - c. Unemployment rates have reached numbers over 14 percent in the United States.
  - d. Reforestation projects will provide Americans with their needed and desired jobs.
4. The money given is necessary for the following reasons.
  - a. The payment for employees attempting to save America.
  - b. The variety of materials needed to start the projects and plantings taking place across the United States.
5. The reforestation efforts will help end or battle consequences of deforestation. As forest are cut

down and destroyed, countless animal species are affected as their habitats are diminished, greenhouse gas emissions increase, soil is eroded, and natural protection against flooding is taken away.

- a. Many animals spread across America are nearing extinction with deforestation as one of the causes; species included in this list include Jaguars, Ocelots, Key Deer, Red Wolves, California Condors, and the Grizzly Bear.
- b. Animal species are not the only organisms effected by deforestation, humans are as well. Trees have the ability to absorb greenhouse gases; thus, cleaning our atmosphere. With an absence of trees, carbon dioxide levels have grown, creating an increase in climate change and a negative effect on other organisms.
- c. When trees are removed from the soil, its particles become loose and unstable, degrading the efficiency of the soil.
- d. Since soil loses efficiency and strength from deforestation, lands near the coast or bodies of water become more susceptible to flooding.

6. A federal mandate will be instituted stating that for every tree cut down, three trees must be planted but only in the instance of private companies.

### Section 3. Termination

1. The funding and start for the reforestation of America efforts will begin immediately after the passage of the Bill.
2. This bill will stay in effect indefinitely unless it is seen fit to be

repealed.