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# H. R. 2959

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REEMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR RECIPI-**  
2 **ENTS OF VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCEN-**  
3 **TIVE PAYMENTS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF**  
4 **AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.**

5 Section 735(e) of the Agriculture, Rural Develop-  
6 ment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agen-  
7 cies Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104–180; 110  
8 Stat. 1604; 5 U.S.C. 5597 note) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “An individual” and inserting  
10 the following:

11 “(1) FORFEITURE OF INCENTIVE PAYMENT.—  
12 An individual”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The forfeiture requirement  
16 in paragraph (1) shall not apply if the subsequent  
17 employment or personal services contract is directly  
18 related to fighting forest fires.”.

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