

**Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to
H.R. 2941
“Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act”**

Section By Section Analysis

Sec 1. Short Title

This act may be cited as the “Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act”

Sec. 2. Findings and Purposes

This section describes the benefits of brownfields redevelopment and also changes to current HUD programs that would enable communities to more effectively work with HUD on brownfields redevelopment.

Sec. 3. Brownfields Economic Development Initiative

This section amends Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) to allow the Secretary to make grants to public entities for projects and activities to assist the environmental cleanup and economic development of brownfield sites. Grants would be made on a competitive basis, based on application procedures established by the Secretary. The Secretary could not, however, require that grants be used solely in connection with projects and activities assisted with a section 108 loan guarantee. Appropriations are authorized for grants for each of fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Sec. 4. Clarification of Brownfields Redevelopment as Eligible CDBG Activity.

This section amends section 108(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308(a)) to guarantee financing by eligible public entities for projects and activities to assist the environmental cleanup and economic development of brownfield sites.

Sec. 5. Pilot Program for National Redevelopment of Brownfields.

This section amends Section 108(q) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308(q)) by adding that the Secretary may establish a pilot program to develop, maintain, and administer a common loan pool for economic development loans to eligible public entities. Entities may be selected on a competitive or noncompetitive basis under the terms and conditions established by the Secretary. Sufficient appropriations are authorized to ensure the viability of the program.