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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFA	—	Agriculture and Food Authority
CECM	—	County Executive Committee Member
CS	—	Cabinet Secretary
KALRO	—	Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization
KEPHIS	—	Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service
NA	—	National Assembly

PRELIMINARIES

ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is established under standing order 228(3) of the Senate Standing Orders and is mandated to consider all matters relating to agriculture, irrigation, livestock, fisheries development and veterinary services.

In undertaking its mandate, the Committee oversees the following State Departments:

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development;
 - i. The State Department for Crops Development and;
 - ii. The State Department for Livestock Development
2. Ministry of Sanitation, Water and Irrigation
 - i. The State Department for Irrigation
3. Ministry of Mining and Blue Economy and Fisheries
 - i. The State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries

The Committee also oversees the following State Agencies among others-

- (a) Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA);
- (b) Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC);
- (c) Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC);
- (d) Kenya Seed Company (KSC);
- (e) Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS);
- (f) Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO);
- (g) Kenya Veterinary Vaccine Production Board (KVVPB);
- (h) Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB);
- (i) Kenya Meat Commission (KMC);
- (j) Kenya Dairy Board (KDB);
- (k) Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC);
- (l) Kenya Fisheries Service (KFS);

- (m) Kenya Fish Marketing Authority (KFMA);
- (n) Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KEMFRI);
- (o) Kenya Fishing Industries Corporation; and
- (p) National Irrigation Board (NIB).

The Committee also works closely with the Council of Governors (CoG), the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) and non-state actors including among others-

- (a) Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA);
- (b) Agricultural Council of Kenya (AgCK)
- (c) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- (d) Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF);
- (e) Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI); and
- (f) Agricultural Industry Forum (AIF).

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is comprised of the following Members-

	Name	Designation
1.	Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP	Chairperson
2.	Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP	Vice-Chairperson
3.	Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP	Member
4.	Sen. Edwin Watenya Sifuna, CBS, MP	Member
5.	Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, CBS, MP	Member
6.	Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	Member
7.	Sen. Catherine Muma, MP	Member
8.	Sen. Abass Sheikh, CBS, MP	Member
9.	Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP	Member

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Honourable Speaker,

This Report contains the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on its consideration of the National Assembly amendments to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022). The Bill, sponsored by Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP, was published to provide a framework for delivering extension services, establish the Agricultural and Extension Service and bridge the gap between farmers and scientific research.

Honourable Speaker,

The Senate considered and passed the Bill, with amendments, on 21st February, 2024 and thereafter referred it to the National Assembly pursuant to Article 110(4) of the Constitution. The National Assembly considered and passed the Bill, with amendments, on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026. These amendments were subsequently transmitted to the Senate through a message dated 1st July, 2026 and conveyed by the Speaker of the Senate on 15th July, 2026. The amendments were thereafter committed to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for consideration.

Honourable Speaker,

The Committee concurs with the amendments as set out in Chapter 2, Section 2.3 (a) of this report. However, the committee rejects the amendments listed in Chapter 2 Section 2.3 (b) of this report. Concerns raised, include dilution of accountability by shifting responsibility from a designated officeholder, “county executive committee member”, to the “county government”, making it difficult to enforce accountability, weakening county representation, despite extension services being a devolved function under the Constitution; duplicating provisions already covered; and using vague terminology that undermines legislative clarity, among others.

Having considered the amendments by the National Assembly to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022), the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries recommends that, the Senate pursuant to Standing Order 165(4)(b) of the Senate Standing Orders, rejects the Bill as amended and in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution, refer the matter to mediation.

The Committee’s detailed resolutions and recommendations are set out in Chapters Two and Three of this Report.

Honourable Speaker,

May I take this opportunity to commend the Members of the Committee for their dedication in considering this Bill, and thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Senate for the technical support accorded to the Committee during the consideration of this matter.

It is now my pleasant duty to present the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on its consideration of the National Assembly amendments to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022).

Signed.......... Date.....10/9/2026.....

SEN. SEN. DAVID WAFULA WAKOLI, MP,
CHAIRPERSON,
STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND
FISHERIES

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) is sponsored by Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP. The Bill was published to provide a framework for delivering extension services, establish the Agricultural and Extension Service and bridge the gap between farmers and scientific research.

The Senate considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on 21st February, 2024. A copy of the Bill, as passed by the Senate, is attached to this Report as *Annex 2*.

The Bill was thereafter forwarded to the National Assembly for consideration and passage pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution. The National Assembly considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026. A copy of the Bill, as passed by the National Assembly, is attached to this Report as *Annex 3*.

The Bill was subsequently returned to the Senate through a Message dated 1st July, 2026. On 15th July, 2026, the Speaker of the Senate conveyed the Message on the National Assembly's passage of the Bill with amendments and referred the same to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for consideration. A copy of the amendments by the National Assembly, as conveyed to the Senate, is attached to this Report as *Annex 4*.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries proceeded to consider the amendments by the National Assembly, with its observations and recommendations set out in this Report.



CHAPTER TWO: CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL

2.1 Introduction

This Chapter presents an overview of the National Assembly amendments to the Bill, the deliberations of the Committee on the said amendments, as well as its observations and recommendations to the Senate.

2.2 Clause by Clause Consideration

Clause 3 — Objects

(a) Substitution of paragraph (b)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the deletion of paragraph (b) and its substitution with a new provision:

“(b) to achieve sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity for improved benefits;”

National Assembly Rationale:

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution:

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The substitution strengthens the object of the Bill by emphasizing sustainability and measurable benefits, consistent with Article 43 of the Constitution on food security and Article 10 on equity and inclusivity.

(b) Insertion of new paragraph (ba)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the insertion of a new paragraph after (b):

“(ba) to enhance coordination and collaboration for improved research, extension and clientele linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chains;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The insertion enhances institutional linkages and strengthens collaboration across value chains, which is critical for effective extension services.

(c) Deletion of paragraph (e)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the deletion of paragraph (e).

National Assembly Rationale

The Bill does not include any section referring to provision of financial support to various players in the extension service.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The deletion is justified, as the Bill does not establish a financing framework.

(d) Insertion of new Clause 3A — Guiding Principles

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the insertion of a new clause immediately after Clause 3:

“3A. The Service shall be guided by—

- (a) National values and principles of governance (Article 10, Constitution);
- (b) Accountability and focus on citizens;
- (c) Simplicity and practicability;
- (d) Productivity and income generation;
- (e) Social inclusivity, non-discrimination and equity;
- (f) Modernization and use of new technology;
- (g) Consistency and predictability; and
- (h) Technical and financial sustainability.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The insertion provides a framework that directs how the service should operate and make decisions, ensuring consistency, accountability, and alignment with constitutional values.

Clause 4 — National Extension Services Policy

(a) Insertion of new paragraph (aa) in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the insertion of a new paragraph immediately after (a):

“(aa) capture the new technologies and innovations to progressively modernize extension services;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Inserting a clause on capturing new technologies and innovations ensures that the National Extension Services Policy remains forward-looking and adaptable.

(b) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (4)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the deletion of the words “county executive committee member” and substitution with “county government.

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The county executive committee member is the recognized office holder responsible for agriculture at the county level. Just as the Cabinet Secretary is designated at the national level, the county executive committee member is the officer who carries legal responsibility for policy formulation, gazettment and implementation. Retaining the wording “county executive committee member” ensures direct accountability.

Clause 5 — County Extension Services Strategy

(a) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the deletion of the words “county executive committee member” and substitution with “county government.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. Formulating and publishing a county extension services strategy is a specific statutory function that is performed by the county executive committee member responsible for agriculture, not by the county government as a whole. Retaining “county executive committee member” ensures direct accountability and consistency just like how the national functions are assigned to the Cabinet Secretary not the national government.

(b) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (3)

National Assembly Amendment

The National Assembly proposed the deletion of the words “county executive committee member” and substitution with “county government.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The duty to periodically review and gazette a revised county extension services strategy is a specific statutory function that should be performed by the county executive committee member responsible for agriculture. Just as the Cabinet Secretary is named at the national level, the CECM is responsible at the county level. Retaining “county executive committee member” ensures direct responsibility and accountability.

Clause 8 — Functions of the Service

(a) (i) Substitution of paragraph (a) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (a) and substitute with:

“(a) regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services;”

National Assembly Rationale

To provide clarity on the functions of the Service and to avoid overlaps with other institutions like KEPHIS, AFA and KALRO.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It sharpens the Bill’s institutional architecture and ensures the Service focuses on extension services regulation and management.

(ii) Insertion of new paragraph (aa) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Insert a new paragraph immediately after (a):

“(aa) enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. This is a reinsertion of what the National Assembly had proposed to delete, which the Committee has accepted to avoid overlaps with other institutions and to ensure that the functions of the Service are tied explicitly to extension services and not the broad agriculture and livestock industry.

(iii) Insertion of new paragraphs (e) and (f) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Insert new paragraphs after (d):

“(e) create and manage a national agriculture and livestock extension data centre that is logical, unambiguous, reliable, updatable, affordable, accessible, sustainable and accountable; and (f) monitor and moderate linkages within and between the Service and other relevant data and information sources.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendments enhance transparency, modernization, and accountability by establishing a national extension data centre and mandating coordination with other data sources. This strengthens institutional capacity, avoids duplication, and ensures extension services are evidence-based and sustainable.

(b) (i) Insertion of new paragraph (aa) in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment

Insert a new paragraph immediately before paragraph (a):

“(aa) advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters relating to agricultural extension services;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendment strengthens institutional coherence by mandating the Service to advise the Cabinet Secretary on extension services, thereby ensuring national policy is informed by technical expertise, aligned with sectoral strategies, and accountable to statutory structures.

(ii) Substitution of paragraph (b) in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete paragraph (b) and substitute with:

“(b) undertake research and support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and promote extension services to improve economic activities;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendment clarifies the Service’s role by mandating it to undertake and support agricultural research specifically on extension services, thereby promoting rural economic opportunities and improving agricultural activities, while avoiding duplication with county governments and other research institutions.

(iii) Insertion of new paragraph (ba) in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b):

“(ba) meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture and livestock industry;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The Committee observed that the phrase “*meet the demand for*” was inappropriate as it implies an obligation beyond the Service’s statutory capacity. Instead, the Committee noted that wording such as “*facilitate access to information and technology transfer*” would be more reasonable, aligning the Service’s role with enabling and supporting stakeholders rather than guaranteeing demand fulfillment.

(iv) Insertion of new paragraphs (l)–(r) in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (k):

“(l) encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in a simple and easily accessible digital system;

(m) encourage and facilitate settlement of disputes through alternative dispute resolution;

(n) establish partnerships and networks with relevant regional, continental and international research, extension and training bodies;

(o) develop introduction and training programs on matters relating to extension services in coordination with national, regional and international organizations involved in agricultural extension services;

(p) coordinate emerging agricultural and livestock technology, innovations and management practices through continuous inventions from ongoing and completed government funded programs and projects;

(q) secure and maintain an effective data bank of research outcomes to inform extension services; and

(r) carry out such other functions as may be assigned under the law.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendments modernize and strengthen the Service’s mandate by integrating ICT, promoting alternative dispute resolution, fostering partnerships, coordinating emerging technologies, and securing a research data bank.

Clause 10 — Composition of the Board

(a) (i) Substitution of paragraph (a) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (a) and substitute with—

“(a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the President;”

National Assembly Rationale

Align appointment of the chairperson to be appointed by the President in line with the Mwongozo Code of Conduct for parastatals.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It aligns chairperson appointment with Mwongozo Code by vesting authority in the President.

(ii) Substitution of paragraph (d) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (d) and substitute with—

“(d) one person nominated by the Council of Governors and appointed by the Cabinet Secretary through a gazette notice who shall be the vice-chairperson of the Board;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The amendment reduces the number and representation of counties, yet extension services are a devolved function under the Constitution. Representation of counties in the Board must therefore reflect this reality. The Committee proposes to rework the composition of the Board as follows:

- (d) One person with knowledge and experience in extension services nominated by Council of Governors to serve as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.
- (e) Two farmer representatives; one representing livestock farmers and one representing crop farmers; nominated by the Council of Governors (to replace paragraph (e)).

(a)(iii) Substitution of paragraph (e) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete paragraph (e) and substitute with—

“(e) one person representing the umbrella farmers organization;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. It replaces a clear and legitimate nominating authority, the Council of Governors, with a vague “umbrella farmers organization” that is undefined in law or policy. The Senate’s proposal is to rework on paragraph (e) to include two farmers representatives one for livestock and one for crop farming nominated by the Council of Governors.

(iv) Substitution of paragraph (f) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete paragraph (f) and substitute with—

“(f) the Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendment does not alter the substance of representation by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, but clarifies that the Director General shall serve as the representative nominated by the Organization.

(v) Substitution of paragraph (g) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (g) and substitute with—

“(g) one person representing the agricultural extension and advisory service providers appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The previously referenced “National Association of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Providers” does not exist as a legally recognized body.

(b) Substitution of subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete subclause (2) and substitute with—

“(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1)(d), (e), (g) and (h) by notice in the Gazette.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. This is because of the committee’s decision to reject the amendments to the composition of (d) and (e).

Clause 11 — Qualifications for Appointment as a Member

(a) Substitution of opening statement in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete the opening statement and substitute with—

“(1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1)(a), (d), (e), (g) and (h) if that person—”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. This amendment was only adjusting the list of subsections referenced but because of the committee’s decision in paragraph (d) and (e) the committee resolved to reject until the composition is agreed upon.

(ii) Substitution of paragraph (c) in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (c) and substitute with—

“(c) has at least three years’ experience in management for the vice-chairperson or a member and at least ten years for the chairperson in matters relating to agriculture, livestock extension service or any other relevant field;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the qualifications framework by differentiating experience requirements for leadership roles, requiring at least three years’ management experience for members and the vice-chairperson, and ten years for the chairperson in agriculture, livestock extension, or related fields.

(b) Insertion of new paragraphs (d) and (e) in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (c):

“(d) is declared to be of unsound mind;

(e) has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the disqualification criteria by adding two important governance safeguards: exclusion of persons declared to be of unsound mind, and those previously removed from office for contravening the Constitution or other written law.

Clause 12 — Tenure of Appointment

(a) Insertion of new Clauses 12A and 12B

National Assembly Amendment

Insert the following new clauses immediately after Clause 12—

Removal from office

“12A. The Chairperson or a member may be removed from office only for—

(a) being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without permission of the Chairperson, in the case of a member, and the Cabinet Secretary in the case of the Chairperson;

(b) contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other law;

(c) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of the office;

(d) being an undischarged bankrupt;

(e) being convicted of a felony; or

(f) being incompetent or neglecting duty.”

Filling a vacancy

“12B. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the relevant appointing authority shall appoint a new Chairperson or member, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal to insert 12A since it is already covered in Clause 13 of the Bill. The committee however accepts the insertion of 12B as it introduces a mechanism for filling vacancies.

Clause 14 — Functions of the Board

(a) (i) Substitution of “economics” with “benefits” in paragraph (c)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete the word “economics” appearing in paragraph (c) and substitute with “benefits.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Using “benefits” ensures the Board evaluates agricultural research not only in economic terms but also in relation to broader policy priorities and stakeholder gains.

(ii) Substitution of “economics” with “benefits” in paragraph (e)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete the word “economics” appearing in paragraph (e) and substitute with “benefits.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It broadens the evaluative scope to include productivity, sustainability, social welfare, and farmer livelihoods.

(iii) Substitution of “continuing” with “continuous” in paragraph (h)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete the word “continuing” appearing in paragraph (h) and substitute with “continuous.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The substitution is a linguistic refinement that improves clarity without altering the substantive meaning of the provision.

(iv) Insertion of words “on extension service delivery” in paragraph (i)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert the words “on extension service delivery” immediately after the word “industry” in paragraph (i).

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution:

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It narrows the focus to “players in the industry on extension service delivery,” ensuring training efforts directly strengthen agricultural extension systems.

(b)(i) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete the words “county executive committee member” and substitute with “county government.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It broadens the duty to consult with the county government, ensuring institutional engagement rather than reliance on one individual.

(c) Insertion of new Clause 14A — Powers of the Board

National Assembly Amendment

Insert the following new clause immediately after Clause 14:

“14A. (1) The Board shall have all powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board has power to—

(a) control, supervise and administer the assets of the Board in such manner as best promotes the purposes for which the Board is established;

(b) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for reserves of the Board;

(c) receive any grants, gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;

(d) enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Board is established;

(e) open a banking account or bank accounts for the funds of the Board; and

(f) invest any of its funds not immediately required in a manner and purpose provided in the Act.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The addition of Clause 14A ensures the Board has the legal authority to execute its functions, avoiding gaps between mandate and capacity.

Clause 16 — Delegation by the Board

(a) Numbering of existing clause as subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment

Number the existing clause as subclause (1).

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal, since numbering is necessary to accommodate the new subclause.

(a) Insertion of new subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment

Insert the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1):

“(2) A delegation under this section—

- (a) shall be subject to any conditions as the Board may impose;
- (b) shall not divest the Board of the responsibility concerning the exercise of its powers or the performance of the duties delegated to it; and
- (c) may be withdrawn, and any decision made by the person to whom the delegation is made may be withdrawn or varied by the Board.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It introduces essential safeguards to the delegation framework by ensuring that any delegation is subject to conditions imposed by the Board, does not absolve the Board of its ultimate responsibility, and can be withdrawn or varied at any time.

Clause 19 — Functions of the Chief Executive Officer

(a) Substitution of paragraph (a)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (a) and substitute with—

“(a) be responsible for the accounts of the Board and the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;”

National Assembly Rationale: No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the chief executive officer’s mandate by explicitly adding responsibility for the accounts of the Board alongside day-to-day management of its affairs.

(b) Amendment to paragraph (c)

National Assembly Amendment

Insert the words “the head of secretariat and” immediately after the word “be.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It clarifies that the chief executive officer is both the head of the secretariat and responsible for staff management, without altering the substantive meaning of the provision.

Clause 20 — Removal of the Chief Executive Officer

(a) Insertion of new paragraph (ca)

National Assembly Amendment

Insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c):

“(ca) is incompetent or neglects duty;”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The grounds of “incompetence or neglect of duty” could be proven since CEOs have performance contracts with the board.

(b) Insertion of new paragraph (ea)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (e):

“(ea) any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of appointment.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. This catch-all provision ensures that removal is not limited to enumerated grounds but can also cover contractual or appointment-specific obligations.

(c) Deletion of paragraph (f)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (f).

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Death is not a removal ground but rather a natural cessation of office. Removal implies an active process.

Clause 26 — Role of County Governments

(a) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete the words “county executive committee member” and substitute with “county government.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. Subsection (1) anchors obligations in the county government as an institution, while subsection (2) assigns specific responsibilities to the county executive committee member to ensure those obligations are fulfilled.

Clause 27 — Recruitment of Extension Services Officers

(a) Substitution of “county service board” with “county government” in subclause (2)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete subclause (2) and substitute with—

“(2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection (1), the county government shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed to devolved units and the resolution centres.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. This is to ensure that county governments can be held liable if they fail to ensure that sufficient officers are recruited.

Clause 30 — Register of Extension Services Providers

(a) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (1)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete the words “county executive committee member” and substitute with “county government.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture is the designated executive authority under the County Governments and should retain responsibility in order to ensure direct accountability if the register is not maintained.

(b) (i) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (2)(iv)

National Assembly Amendment: Delete the words “county executive committee member” appearing in paragraph (iv) and substitute with “county government.”

Committee Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. County legislations are made by county assemblies.

(ii) Insertion of new subparagraph (v)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert a new subparagraph immediately after subparagraph (iv):

“(v) the geographical scope that the extension service can competently cover.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Adding geographical scope ensures the register reflects not only qualifications but also the area of competence an officer can realistically serve.

(c) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (3)

National Assembly Amendment

Delete the words “county executive committee member” and substitute with “county government.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. Retaining the role of the CECM ensures clear accountability at county level, consistent with the Cabinet Secretary’s designation of powers nationally.

Clause 31 — Publicizing Extension Services

(a) (i) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (1)

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The original text correctly assigns the duty to a specific officeholder, who can be held accountable if they fail to publish.

(a)(ii) Insertion of new paragraph (c)

National Assembly Amendment: Insert the following paragraph immediately after paragraph (b):

“(c) position of functional technology and data centres.”

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It enhances transparency by informing stakeholders where technology and data centres are situated.

(b) (i) Insertion of words “as per the tallies of the data centres” in subclause (2)(a)

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the provision by grounding information in verifiable data.

(ii) Substitution of “county executive committee member” with “county government” in subclause (2)(e)

National Assembly Rationale

No rationale provided.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The original text correctly assigns discretion to a specific officeholder.

New Part IVA — National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre

National Assembly Amendment

Insert new part IVA.

National Assembly Rationale

Inclusion of the use of technology to centralize all data on extension service for dissemination.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It establishes a centralized Data Centre to store, process, and disseminate agricultural information, strengthening research–extension–farmer linkages and enhancing transparency and efficiency.

New Part IVB — Agricultural Diagnostic Centre

National Assembly Amendment

Insert new part IVB.

National Assembly Rationale

Inclusion of the use of technology to centralize all data on extension service for dissemination.

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It requires each county to establish a Diagnostic Centre to diagnose farming problems, relay them to data banks, simplify solutions, and act as a link between farmers, extension officers, and research institutions.

Clause 33 — Annual Estimates

National Assembly Amendment

Delete “National Assembly and Senate” and substitute with “Parliament.”

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The committee preferred to maintain the wording National Assembly and Senate considering the interpretation challenges that have existed before where stakeholders consider Parliament to be National Assembly.

Clause 35 — Annual Report and Publication

National Assembly Amendment

Insert the words “but not more than six months” immediately after “approve.”

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It provides statutory timelines on extensions, ensuring accountability and timely reporting.

Clause 37 — County Specific Legislation

National Assembly Amendment

Delete clause 37 and substitute with—

“A county government may make county specific legislations on extension services so long as they are not in conflict with this Act or any regulations made under this Act.”

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It empowers counties to enact legislation tailored to local realities while maintaining national consistency.

Clause 39 — Regulations

National Assembly Amendment

Delete paragraph (d) and substitute with—

“(d) guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service officers.”

Committee Resolution

The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It allows the Cabinet Secretary to prescribe guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service officers, cushioning farmers who procure services from independent entities.

A Matrix of the clause by clause consideration is attached as Annex 5.

2.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the committee resolved to—

(a) Concur with the amendments by the National Assembly to the Bill relating to—

(i) Clause 3

- paragraph (b) & (e); and
- proposed new paragraph (ba);

(ii) Clause 3A

- proposed new clause 3A.

(iii) Clause 4

- proposed new paragraph (aa) in subclause (2).

(iv) Clause 8

- subclause (1) paragraph (a);
- proposed new paragraph (e) & (f) in subclause (1);
- proposed new paragraph (aa) in subclause (2);
- subclause (2) paragraph (b); and
- proposed new paragraph (l)- (r) in subclause (2).

(v) Clause 10

- subclause (1) paragraph (a);
- subclause (1) paragraph (f); and
- subclause (1) paragraph (g).

(vi) Clause 11

- subclause (1) paragraph (c); and
- proposed new paragraph (d)&(e) in subclause (2),

(vii) **Clause 12B**

- proposed new clause 12 B.

(viii) **Clause 14**

- Subclause (1) paragraph (c), (e), (h) & (i); and
- subclause (2).

(ix) **Clause 14A**

- proposed new clause 14A.

(x) **Clause 16**

(xi) **Clause 19**

- paragraph (a) & (c).

(xii) **Clause 20**

- proposed new paragraphs (ca) & (ea); and
- paragraph (f),

(xiii) **Clause 27**

- Subclause (2).

(xiv) **Clause 30**

- subclause (2) paragraph (iv); and
- proposed new subparagraph (v) in subclause (2).

(xv) **Clause 31**

- proposed new paragraph (c) in subclause (1); and
- subclause (2) paragraph (a).

(xvi) **New parts after Part IV**

- proposed new parts IVA & IVB.

(xvii) **Clause 35**

(xviii) **Clause 37**

(xix) **Clause 39.**

(b) Reject the amendments by the National Assembly to the Bill relating to—

(i) **Clause 4**

- subclause (4).

(ii) **Clause 5**

- subclause (1) & (3).

(iii) **Clause 8**

- the proposed new paragraph (aa) in subclause (1); and
- the proposed new paragraph (ba) in subclause (2).

(iv) **Clause 10**

- subclause (1) paragraph (d) & (e); and
- subclause (2).

(v) **Clause 11**

- the opening statement in subclause (1).

(vi) **Clause 12A**

- the proposed new clause 12A.

(vii) **Clause 26**

- subclause (2).

(viii) **Clause 30**

- subclause (1) & (3).

(ix) **Clause 31**

- subclause (1); and
- subclause (2) paragraph (e)

(x) **Clause 33**

CHAPTER THREE: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Committee Recommendations

Having considered the amendments by the National Assembly to the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022), the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries recommends that, the Senate pursuant to Standing Order 165(4)(b) of the Senate Standing Orders, reject the Bill as

amended and in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution, refer the matter to mediation.

ANNEXURES

- Annex 1* Minutes of the sittings of the Committee in considering the Bill
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- Annex 3* The Bill as passed by the Senate, with amendments, on 21st February, 2024
- Annex 4* Copy of the National Assembly amendments to the Bill, as passed on 10th June, 2026
- Annex 5* Matrix of the clause-by-clause analysis of the amendments to the Bill.



**MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF
THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK
AND FISHERIES, HELD ON TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST, 2026 AT OCEAN
BEACH RESORT, MALINDI, KILIFI COUNTY AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

1. Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP	-	Chairperson
2. Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP	-	Vice-Chairperson
3. Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Mo Fire), CBS, MP	-	Member
4. Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	-	Member
5. Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP	-	Member
6. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP	-	Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Sen. Abbas Sheikh, CBS, MP	-	Member
2. Sen. Edwin Sifuna, CBS, MP	-	Member
3. Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP	-	Member

SECRETARIAT

1. Ms. Gertrude Nthiiri	-	Clerk Assistant I
2. Ms. Ivy Nyambura	-	Clerk Assistant III
3. Ms. Faith Cheronoh	-	Legal Counsel II
4. Mr. Solomon Alubala	-	Fiscal Analyst
5. Ms. Juliet Masinde	-	Media Relations Officer
6. Ms. Winnie Atieno	-	Audio Officer
7. Ms. Sarah Rukwaro	-	Serjeant- At -Arms
8. Ms. Rose Omboke	-	Office Attendant

MIN/SEN/SCA/1464/2026 -

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m. followed by a word of prayer and introductions

MIN/SEN/SCA/1465/2026 -

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted after being proposed by Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi and seconded by Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Mo Fire), CBS, MP as follows –

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the Agenda;
3. Consideration and Adoption of the following Reports-
 - a) The Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bills No.12 of 2022) (National Assembly Bill No.8 of 2023); and
 - b) The Crops (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bill No.8 of 2023)
4. Any Other Business; and
5. Date of the Next Meeting and Adjournment.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1466/2026 -

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF
THE CROPS (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2023 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL
NO.8 OF 2023)**

The Committee considered the Crops (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023) report and deliberated on the observations and submissions received noting the following-

- a) Achiote recognition: Achiote (Bixa orellana) is already recognized as a scheduled crop under Legal Notice No. 119 of 2020. However, this recognition is anchored in subsidiary legislation that expires after ten years. Inclusion in the Crops Act secures its scheduled status permanently under primary legislation.
- b) Existing Regulations: The Crops (Bixa) Regulations, 2025 are in place, providing a framework for management, commercialization, quality assurance, productivity enhancement, and investment promotion in the subsector.
- c) Stakeholder support: Submissions from the Council of Governors (CoG), County Assemblies Forum (CAF), and CAB International (CABI) unanimously supported the inclusion of Achiote, citing its potential for agricultural diversification, SME growth, and export competitiveness.

On conclusion the Committee resolved to adopt the report having been proposed by Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP and seconded by Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Mo Fire), CBS, MP.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1467/2026 -

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF
THE AGRICULTURE AND
LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES
BILL, 2022 (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF
2022)**

The Committee considered the Report on the Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022). After deliberation, the Committee resolved to reject the amendments proposed by the National Assembly relating to

Clause 4(4), Clause 5(1) and (3), the proposed new paragraph (aa) in Clause 8(1), the proposed new paragraph (ba) in Clause 8(2), Clause 10(1)(d) and (e), Clause 10(2), the opening statement in Clause 11(1), the proposed new Clause 12A, the proposed new paragraph (ca) in Clause 20, Clause 26(2), Clause 30(2)(iv), Clause 31(1), and Clause 31(2)(e).

Upon conclusion of the deliberations, the Committee resolved to adopt the report having been proposed by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda (SC), MP and seconded by Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1468/2026 -

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretariat tabled two letters from the Taskforce on Parliamentary Outreach and Engagement inviting the Committee to nominate Members to participate in:

- i. **Mombasa International Agricultural Show** scheduled for 2nd – 6th September, 2026 at the Mkomani Showground, Mombasa County.
- ii. **Central Kenya (Nyeri) ASK Show** scheduled for 9th – 12th September, 2026 at the Kabiruini Showground, Nyeri County.

The Committee acceded to the invitations and resolved that:

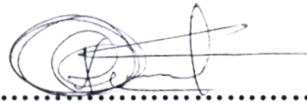
- i. **Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP** and **Sen. Hezena Lemelitan, MP** would represent the Committee in Mombasa County.
- ii. **Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Mo Fire), CBS, MP** and **Sen. Catherine Muma, MP** would represent the Committee in Nyeri County.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1469/2026 -

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1.37 p.m. The next meeting will be on notice.

SIGNED:



DATE:

10/9/26

SEN. DAVID WAFULA WAKOLI, MP
(CHAIRPERSON)



**MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF
THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK
AND FISHERIES, HELD ON TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST, 2026 IN COMMITTEE
ROOM 5, FIRST FLOOR, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

1. Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP	-	Chairperson
2. Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP	-	Vice-Chairperson
3. Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP	-	Member
4. Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP	-	Member
5. Sen. Abbas Sheikh, CBS, MP	-	Member
6. Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP	-	Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Sen. Beatrice Akinyi Ogola, MP	-	Member
2. Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	-	Member
3. Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Mo Fire), CBS, MP	-	Member

SECRETARIAT

1. Ms. Gertrude Nthiiri	-	Clerk Assistant I
2. Ms. Faith Cheronoh	-	Legal Counsel II
3. Mr. Hillary Cheruiyot	-	Researcher
4. Mr. Solomon Alubala	-	Fiscal Analyst
5. Ms. Juliet Masinde	-	Media Relations Officer
6. Ms. Winnie Atieno	-	Audio Officer
7. Ms. Sarah Rukwaro	-	Serjeant- At -Arms
8. Ms. Daniela Nairita	-	Intern

MIN/SEN/SCA/1444/2026 -

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m. followed by a word of prayer and introductions

MIN/SEN/SCA/1445/2026 -**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted after being proposed by Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi and seconded by Abbas Sheikh, CBS, MP as follows –

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the Agenda;
3. Confirmation of Minutes;
4. Matters arising;
5. Consideration of the Schedule of Amendments made by the National Assembly on The Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bills No.12 of 2022) (National Assembly Bill No.8 of 2023) (*Committee Paper 172*);
6. Any Other Business; and
7. Date of the Next Meeting and Adjournment.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1446/2026 -**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the two hundred and sixteenth sitting held on Thursday, 30th July, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP and seconded by Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1447/2026 -**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1448/2026 -**CONSIDERATION OF THE
SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE
BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON
THE AGRICULTURE AND
LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.12 OF 2022)
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.8 OF
2023 (*Committee Paper 172*);**

The Chairperson invited the secretariat to present National Assembly Amendments to the Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022), as contained in the Committee Paper No. 172, the Committee was informed as follows-

That:-

- i. The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022), sponsored by Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP, seeks to establish a legal framework for the provision of agricultural and livestock extension services, create the Agricultural and Extension Service, and strengthen linkages between farmers and scientific research institutions.

- ii. The Senate considered and passed the Bill with amendments on 21st February, 2024, following which it was transmitted to the National Assembly for consideration in accordance with Article 110(4) of the Constitution. The National Assembly subsequently considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on 10th June, 2026, before returning it to the Senate through a Message dated 1st July, 2026.
- iii. On 15th July, 2026, the Speaker of the Senate conveyed the Message from the National Assembly and referred the amendments to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for consideration and reporting to the Senate.

Deliberations and Resolution by the Committee

1. Members proposed that the Council of Governors nominate three representatives, including the Vice Chairperson. The Members further recommended that the nomination process uphold the principle of regional balance to ensure equitable representation across the country.
2. Members observed that representatives nominated to farmers' associations should be farmers drawn from the agriculture, fisheries and livestock sectors. They emphasized that such representatives should possess a clear understanding of the challenges and interests of farmers and be committed to advancing the welfare of the broader farming community. The Committee noted that this would ensure effective representation and safeguard the interests of stakeholders across the respective subsectors.
3. Members proposed further review of the provisions relating to the removal of members and the prescribed educational qualifications. The Committee also recommended clarifying the circumstances under which the Chairperson may delegate functions to the Vice-Chairperson to ensure continuity in the discharge of duties.
4. Members proposed that the provisions relating to the appointment and removal of the Chief Executive Officer be aligned with the principles and standards set out in the Mwongozo Code of Governance for State Corporations, relevant legislation governing parastatals, and the Constitution. Members observed that the grounds and procedures for appointment, suspension and removal should be clearly stipulated to promote accountability, transparency and good governance, while safeguarding due process and institutional integrity.
5. Members considered the proposed amendments and emphasized the need for clarity, consistency and alignment with legislative drafting standards.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1449/2026 -

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee considered the following matters as any other business-

- a) Members were informed that the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development had proposed to hold a retreat with the Committee during the 3rd or 4th week of August, 2026 to deliberate on the emerging issues in the agricultural sector, including matters relating to rice importation and the sugar

industry. Upon deliberations, the Committee resolved to hold the retreat from 23rd to 26th August, 2026. The Committee further resolved to conduct a County Oversight and Networking Engagement on 27th August, 2026 in Kilifi County to assess the implementation status of agriculture programmes and projects in the County.

- b) Members directed that the programme and scheduled activities for the Senate *Mashinani* sittings be circulated to all Members of the Committee for deliberations and approval.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1450/2026 -

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12.17 p.m. The next meeting will be on notice.

SIGNED:



**SEN. DAVID WAFULA WAKOLI, MP
(CHAIRPERSON)**

DATE:

10/9/26



**MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND
FISHERIES, HELD ON TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 2026 IN COMMITTEE ROOM
5, FIRST FLOOR, BUNGE TOWER AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

1. Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP	-	Chairperson
2. Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP	-	Vice-Chairperson
3. Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP	-	Member
4. Sen. Abbas Sheikh, CBS, MP	-	Member
5. Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Mo Fire), CBS, MP	-	Member

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	-	Member
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3. Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP	-	Member
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8. Ms. Sarah Rukwaro	-	Serjeant- At -Arms
9. Ms. Daniela Nairita	-	Intern

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. followed by a word of prayer and introductions

MIN/SEN/SCA/1438/2026 -

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted after being proposed by Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi and seconded by Abbas Sheikh, CBS, MP as follows –

1. Prayer;
2. Adoption of the Agenda;
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
4. Matters arising;
5. The National Assembly Amendments on the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)
6. Any Other Business; and
7. Date of the Next Meeting and Adjournment.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1439/2026 -

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the two hundred and fifteenth sitting held on Tuesday, 28th July, 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP and seconded by Sen. Alexander Munyi Mundigi, MP.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1440/2026 -

MATTERS ARISING

- i. Members deliberated and noted the need for Governors to prioritize invitations to attend Senate Committee meetings.
- ii. The Committee also recommended that in the event that invited Governors are not able to attend scheduled meetings, they should communicate alternative dates for consideration and approval by the Committee. Additionally, the Committee proposed regular follow-up communication, including telephone calls where necessary and appropriate, be undertaken to confirm receipt of invitations and attendance.

MIN/SEN/SCA/1441/2026 -

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE
BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON
THE AGRICULTURE AND
LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.12 OF 2022)
(Committee Paper 172);**

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to present the matrix to the Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Bill as contained in the Committee Paper No. 172. The Committee was informed as follows-

That:-

- i. The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022), sponsored by Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP, seeks to establish a legal framework for the provision of agricultural and livestock extension services, create the Agricultural and Extension Service, and strengthen linkages between farmers and scientific research institutions.
- ii. The Senate considered and passed the Bill with amendments on 21st February, 2024, following which it was transmitted to the National Assembly for consideration in accordance with Article 110(4) of the Constitution. The National Assembly subsequently considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on 10th June, 2026, before returning it to the Senate through a Message dated 1st July, 2026.
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Deliberations and Resolution by the Committee

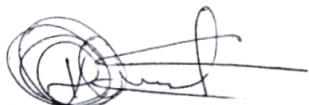
1. The Legal Counsel briefed Members on the proposed amendments and presented recommendations for the Committee's consideration.
2. Members deliberated on the amendments, particularly those relating to the objects of the Bill, coordination and collaboration mechanisms and the functions of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service.
3. During the deliberations, Members emphasized the need for comprehensive scrutiny of the proposed amendments to ensure that the Bill adequately addresses the needs of the agricultural sector and strengthens extension service delivery.
4. Members further deliberated the importance of stakeholder engagement and public participation in enriching the legislative process and ensuring broad-based ownership of the proposed law.
5. The Committee resolved to convene additional stakeholder consultations and technical workshops to facilitate further discussions on the amendments before finalizing its report and recommendations to the Senate.

The Committee considered the following matters as any other business-

- a) The Committee resolved to develop a structured oversight schedule in monitoring the implementation of county budgets across the country.
- b) Members deliberated on a proposed foreign benchmarking visit and agreed that further planning and consultations be undertaken to determine the scope and objectives of the engagement.
- c) The Committee further discussed the need to convene a retreat in August to consider emerging issues in the agricultural sector, including matters relating to rice importation and the sugar industry.
- d) The Secretariat informed Members that the Committee had scheduled activities during the Senate Mashinani that was scheduled in September, 2026. A proper brief would be provided once the Committee schedule and activities is adopted by the Liaison Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11.20 a.m. The next meeting will be on notice.

SIGNED:



DATE:

10/4/26

**SEN. DAVID WAFULA WAKOLI, MP
(CHAIRPERSON)**

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**THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
EXTENSION SERVICES BILL, 2022**

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to; provide for agricultural and livestock extension services; establish the Agricultural and Extension Service; and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows —

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Agricultural and livestock Extension Services Act, 2022. Short title.

2. In this Act, — Interpretation.

“Board” means the Board established under section 8;

“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to agriculture;

“chief executive officer” means the person appointed in accordance with section 18;

“extension services”; means agricultural and livestock extension services; and

“county executive committee member” means the county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to agriculture.

3. The objects of this Act is to provide for a framework — Objects.

(a) to foster coordination and collaboration in extension services research by National Government, County Governments, non-governmental organization, learning institution, research bodies and other non-state actors;

(b) to promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders through increased production and sourcing of competitive markets;

(c) for the continuous and sustained research on extension services for the development of the Agricultural and livestock industry;

(d) for adoption of a sector-wide approach to the provision extension services which enables access

to appropriate quality services from the best service providers and attains higher productivity, increased incomes and standard of living to Kenyans.; and

- (e) for the provision of financial support to the various players in the extension services industry.

**PART II— NATIONAL AND COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION
SERVICES POLICY AND STRATEGY.**

4.(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, formulate and publish in the Gazette an agricultural and livestock extension services policy at least once every five years, for the implementation and standard delivery of extension services by the county governments.

National extension services policy.

(2) In developing the National Extension Services Policy, the Cabinet Secretary shall have regard to—

- (a) the need for an effective management and implementation structure at the national and county levels of government in order to ensure the effective development of the mung bean industry;
- (b) adequate capacity development and support for growers and other stakeholders in the mung bean industry;
- (c) the participation of stakeholders and communities at the national and county levels of government;
- (d) the development of appropriate strategies and mechanisms at the national and county levels of government necessary to support the development of the mung bean industry;
- (e) the need to have in place a framework to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the policy in the development and regulation of the mung bean sector;
- (f) the resources required at the national and county levels of government for the effective implementation of the policy; and
- (g) the capacity building programmes and strategies needed to be carried out to ensure that growers are

able to respond to the needs identified for the implementation of the policy.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall periodically review the National Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services policy and may, by notice in the *Gazette*, publish a revised national agricultural and livestock extension services policy.

(4) The Cabinet Secretary, each county executive committee member and all relevant public bodies shall, when exercising or performing any statutory function, take into account and give effect to the national agricultural and livestock extension services policy.

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County extension services strategy.

(2) The county executive committee member shall periodically review the county agricultural and livestock extension services strategy and may, by notice in the *Gazette*, publish a revised county agricultural and livestock extension services strategy.

PART III – THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE

6. (1) There is established the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service.

Establishment of the Service.

(2) The Service shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable or immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts;
- (d) borrowing and lending money; and
- (e) doing or performing all such other things or acts as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its

functions under this Act, which may be lawfully done or performed by a body corporate.

Headquarters of the Service.

7. (1) The headquarters of the Service shall be in Nairobi.

(2) The Service may establish such other offices anywhere in Kenya as it may consider necessary for the effective performance of its functions under this Act.

8. (1) The functions of the Service shall be to—

Functions of the Service.

- (a) enhance the competitiveness of agriculture and food industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive world environment;
- (b) increase the long-term productivity of agriculture and food industry in Kenya while maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base on which the Counties and the National Government agricultural economy depend on;
- (c) develop new uses and new products for agricultural commodities and come up with alternative production methods to develop new crops;
- (d) improve risk management in the agriculture industry in Kenya;

(2) in performance of its functions under subsection (1), the service shall—

- (a) support agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunity in rural communities and to meet the increasing demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture industry in Kenya;
- (b) collaborate with the county governments in —
 - (i) improving the coordination and planning of agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs;
 - (ii) identifying needs and establishing priorities for these programs;
 - (iii) ensuring that national agricultural research, extension, and teaching objectives are fully achieved; and

- (iv) ensuring that the results of agricultural research are effectively communicated and demonstrated to farmers, processors, handlers, consumers, and all other users who can benefit from them.
- (c) maintain and disseminate information on standards for supply of nutritious and safe food by the county governments;
- (d) facilitate transfer of technology;
 - (a) encourage the use of information communication technology by developing and packaging information in simple, easily accessible digital systems;
 - (b) collaborate with international entities in order to leverage on resources, priority food and agricultural interests including addressing emerging plant and animal diseases, improving crop varieties and animal breeds and developing safe, efficient, and nutritious food systems;
 - (c) mobilising resources at the national level for investment in development and implementation of extension services programs in the counties;
 - (d) developing and coordinating intergovernmental relations mechanism in the delivery of services related to extension services; and
 - (e) providing technical assistance and capacity building to the county governments on matters relating to extension services.

9. The management of the service shall vest in the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors.

10. (1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;
- (b) the principal secretary responsible for matters relating to agriculture;

Composition of the Board.

- (c) the principle secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock;
- (d) two persons with knowledge and experience in the field extension services nominated by the Council of County Governors;
- (e) one person representing national farm or producer organizations nominated by the Council of County Governors;
- (f) one person representing the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;
- (g) one person representing the National Association of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Providers nominated by the Association;
- (h) one person representing extension services training institutions nominated by the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (i) the chief executive officer.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) by notice in the *Gazette*.

(4) The chief executive officer shall be an *ex officio* member and secretary to the Board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Board.

11.(1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (e), (f), (g) and (h) if that person—

Qualifications for appointment as a member.

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has at least three years' experience in management; and
- (d) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity set out in Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) A person is not qualified for appointment if that person—

- (a) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months;
- (b) is a member of Parliament or county assembly; or
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt.

12. A person who is appointed under section 10 shall serve for a term of three years renewable for one further term.

Tenure of appointment.

13. A person ceases to be a member of the Board if that person—

Vacation of office.

- (a) is absent, without reasonable cause, for three consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (b) becomes an officer, agent or member of staff of the Board;
- (c) resigns by giving a notice in writing addressed to the Cabinet Secretary;
- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months;
- (e) is declared bankrupt;
- (g) is unable to perform the functions of office by reason of mental or physical infirmity; or
- (h) dies.

14. (1) The functions of the Board shall be to —

Functions of the Board.

- (a) make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments on the implementation of strategies, plans and policies relating to the extension services;
- (b) advise the Cabinet Secretary and the County governments on Priority areas of Extension Service programs and the role of Non-state actors and other Extension Service Providers in line with the Policy;
- (c) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education, and economics with respect to the policies and priorities and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary based on such evaluation;

- (d) review and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary on the mechanisms needed for agricultural extension technology assessment and development for the purposes of—
 - (i) performance measurement and evaluation of the implementation of the Extension services program in Kenya; and
 - (ii) the development of mechanisms for the assessment of emerging public and private agricultural research and technology transfer initiatives.
 - (e) consult with industry groups on agricultural research, extension, education, and economics, and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments based on the consultation;
 - (f) consult with any appropriate agencies and solicit opinions and recommendations on persons who will benefit from and use nationally funded agricultural research, extension, education services;
 - (g) establish linkages with local and international training and research institutions to conduct scientific research and investigations in all areas pertaining to extension services;
 - (h) coordination of agricultural research by maintaining a continuing inventory of ongoing and completed extension and research projects being conducted and funded by the government;
 - (i) put in place a framework for capacity building and training of various players in the sector; and
 - (j) carry out such other functions as may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or conferred under any other law.
- (2) The Board shall consult and collaborate with the county executive committee member in the development, promotion and regulation of the extension services in the respective counties.

15. (1) The Board may establish such committees as it may consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and the exercise of its powers under this Act.

Committees of the Board

(2) The Board may co-opt any person to sit in a committee established under subsection (1) such persons whose knowledge and skills are found necessary for the performance of the functions of the Board.

16. The Board may, by resolution either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any committee, member, officer, employee or agent of the Board, the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions of the Board under this Act or under any other written law.

Delegation by the Board.

17. The members of the Board shall be paid such remuneration, fees or allowances as the Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

Remuneration of members of the Board.

18. (1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Board who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.

Chief executive officer.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the chief executive officer if that person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has at least ten years' experience in senior management; and
- (d) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity set out in chapter six of the Constitution.

(3) The chief executive officer shall hold office for a term of five years and is eligible for re-appointment for a one further term.

19. The chief executive officer shall be the secretary to the Board and shall, subject to the direction of the Board—

Functions of the chief executive officer.

- (a) be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;

- (b) manage the funds, property and affairs of the Board;
- (c) be responsible for the management of the staff of the Board;
- (d) oversee and coordinate the implementation of the policies, programmes and objectives of the Board;
- (e) cause to be prepared for the approval of the Board—
 - (i) the strategic plan and annual plan of the Board; and
 - (ii) the annual budget and audited accounts of the Board; and
- (f) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

20. The chief executive officer shall cease to hold office if that person—

Removal of the chief executive officer.

- (a) resigns in writing, addressed to the Board;
- (b) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than six months;
- (c) is found liable for gross misconduct or abuse of office in contravention any written law;
- (d) is declared bankrupt;
- (e) is unable to perform the functions of office by reason of mental or physical infirmity; or
- (f) dies.

21. (1) The Board may employ such officers, agents and staff as are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the Board under this Act and upon such terms and conditions of service as the Board may determine.

Staff of the Board.

(2) The persons appointed under subsection (1) shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board and shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Board may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission determine.

(3) The staff appointed under subsection (1) shall possess such knowledge and experience as shall be determined by the Board.

22. Liability shall not attach to the Board or to any of its members, officers, agents or staff for loss or damage incurred by a person as a result of an act or omission done or made in good faith and without negligence in the performance or exercise or the intended performance or exercise of any duty or power imposed by or conferred under this Act.

Protection from personal liability.

23. (1) The common seal of the Board shall be kept in the custody of the chief executive officer or such other person as the Board may direct, and shall not be used except upon the order of the Board.

Common seal of the Board.

(2) The seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the chief executive officer and the chairperson or a person designated by the Board for that purpose on behalf of the chairperson.

24. All letters and instruments written or made by or on behalf of the Board, other than those required by law to be under seal, and all decisions of the Board, shall be signed under the hand of the chief executive officer or in the absence of the chief executive officer, a person authorized by the Board.

Signing authority.

25. (1) The business and affairs of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set out in the First Schedule.

Meetings of Board.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the First Schedule, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

(3) The Board may invite any person to attend any of its meetings and to participate in its deliberations, but such person shall not be entitled to vote on any of the Board's decisions.

PART IV – ROLE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

26. (1) Each county government shall—

Role of county governments.

- (a) implement the National Government policy and standards relating to the extension services sector;
- (b) regulate and promote extension services within the respective county;

- (c) collect, collate and disseminate information on extension services industry including the appropriate technology and practices to ensure maximisation of yields and sales by stakeholders;
- (d) coordinate the activities of persons, organisations and any other associations within the field of extension services;
- (e) facilitate access by players in the extension services sector to such resources and financial support as may be necessary to promote the use and development of extension services in the respective county; and
- (f) improve on the safe production and processing of, and adding of value to, Kenyan food and fibre resources using methods that maintain the balance between yield and environmental soundness.

(2) Each county executive committee member shall, in ensuring that the county government fulfils its obligations under subsection (1) –

- (a) maintain an up to date register of extension services providers as it considers appropriate in that county;
- (b) consider applications for the permits and licences;
- (c) carry out surveillance and inspections to ensure compliance with the standards and legislation on the extension services;
- (d) promote the organisation all players in the field of extension services;
- (e) provide training on extension service programs and disseminate information to stakeholders on entrepreneurial and other technical skills and values, attitude formation and socio-economic development strategies;
- (f) collaborate with relevant institutions so as to promote access to credit and other financial services; and
- (g) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law.

PART V – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

27. (1) The funds of the Service shall consist of—

Funds of the Service.

- (a) monies appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the service;
- (b) such monies or assets as may accrue to or vest in the service in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act or any other written law; and
- (c) donations, grants, loans or gifts made to the service and approved by the Cabinet Secretary for finance.

28. (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Board shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Board for that year.

Annual estimates.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all estimated expenditure of the Board for the financial year concerned.

(3) The annual estimates prepared by the Board under subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for tabling in the National Assembly and the Senate.

29. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept such books of accounts and other books in relation thereto of all its undertakings, funds, activities and property as the Cabinet Secretary may from time to time approve and shall, within a period of three months after the end of the financial year, cause to be prepared, signed and forwarded to the Auditor-General—

Accounts and audit.

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- (a) a balance sheet showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the Board; and
- (b) such other statements of accounts as the Cabinet Secretary may approve.

(2) The accounts of the Board shall be examined, audited and reported upon annually by the Auditor-General in accordance with the Public Audit Act.

(3) The Board shall submit to the Auditor-General all books and accounts of the Board, together with all vouchers in support thereof, and all books, papers and

writings in its possession or control relating thereto, and the Auditor-General shall be entitled to require from any member, officer, employee or agent of the Board such information and explanation as he may consider necessary for the performance of his duties.

30.(1) The Board shall, within a period of three months after the end of each financial year or within such longer period as the Cabinet Secretary may approve, submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the Board during such year, and the yearly balance sheet and such other statements of account as the Cabinet Secretary shall require, together with the Auditor-General's report.

Annual report and publication.

(2) The Board shall, if the Cabinet Secretary so requires, publish the report, balance sheet and statements submitted to him under subsection (1) in such manner as the Cabinet Secretary may specify.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall submit to the National Assembly and the Senate the reports, balance sheet and statements submitted under subsection (1), within a period of fourteen days of the receipt of the reports and statements.

31. The financial year of the service shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth of June in each year.

Financial year of the Board.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

32. Each county government may enact county specific legislation setting out –

County specific legislation.

- (a) the criteria for the registration of extension services providers within the respective county;
- (b) criteria for the issuance of a licence to an applicant within the respective county;
- (c) information required to be submitted by an applicant for registration or issuance of a licence;
- (d) process of determination of an application for registration or issuance of a licence;
- (e) the conditions for the issuance or renewal of a licence under this Act;

- (f) the grounds for the rejection of an application or cancellation of a licence issued under this Act; and
- (g) process of application for the renewal of registration and de-registration.

33. The Cabinet Secretary may, on recommendation of the Service and the county governments, make regulations for or with respect to any matter which is necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act

Regulations.

FIRST SCHEDULE**(s. 25(1))****PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF
BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE BOARD**

1. (1) The Board shall have at least six meetings in every financial year and not more than two months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting. Meetings.

(2) Meetings shall be convened by the chief executive officer in consultation with the chairperson and shall be held at such times and such places as the chairperson shall determine.

(3) The respective chairpersons shall preside over all meetings and in the absence of the chairperson, by a person elected by the Board as the case may be at the meeting for that purpose.

(4) The chairperson may at any time convene a special meeting of the Board as the case may be, and shall do so within one month of the receipt by the chairperson of a written request signed by at least five other members.

(5) Unless half of the members of the Board otherwise agree, at least seven days' notice of a meeting shall be given to every member of the Board as the case may be.

2. The quorum of a meeting of the Board is half of the total number of members. Quorum.

3. A decision of the Board shall be by a majority of the members present and voting and, in the case of an equality of votes; the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Voting.

4. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and entered in records kept for that purpose. Minutes.

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(2) The person making the disclosure of interest under subsection (1) shall not, unless the Board or committee

otherwise directs, take part in any consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question touching on the matter.

(3) A disclosure of interest made under subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) A member or employee of the Board shall not transact any business or trade with the Board.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The principal object of this Bill is to provide for the policy and institutional framework within which the agricultural and livestock industry operates by among others establishing the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service, which will be managed by a Board of Directors. Agriculture is the backbone of our economy. Majority of Kenyans depend on agriculture either directly by feeding their families or through trading of agricultural and livestock commodities to generate an income. Unfortunately, over the years the returns have been dwindling due to mainly poor performance of both crops and livestock which can be attributed to climate change, poor production methods, pest and diseases among others.

There is therefore a genuine need to set up a policy and institutional framework to support and guide the activities, operations, and interactions within the industry with the aim that the growth of the industry will result to a strengthened agricultural economy for the various counties across the country.

The highlight of this Bill is the setting up of a body which will be dedicated towards coming up with policies and strategies on extension services. The Bill proposes to invest in research so as come up with crops and livestock breeds that will mature fast and also be able to withstand the current harsh climate. It sets up the roles of the county governments which will be to implement the national government policy in the counties and also to coordinate various extension services at the county level.

Part I (clauses 1-3) contains preliminary matters. It contains the short title, interpretation of terms and the object of the Act.

Part II (clauses 4-5) provides for the National Agricultural and livestock policy and strategy which will guide both the national and the county governments in executing their mandates in relation to extension services.

PART III (clauses 6-25) provides for the establishment, functions and powers of the Agricultural and Livestock Service. It further provides for the composition and qualifications for appointment of the members of the Service. In addition, it provides for the office of the chief executive officer of the Board and the secretariat.

Part IV (Clause 26) contains provisions related to the role of county governments in regulating extension services.

Part V (clauses 27-31) sets out the financial provisions of Service. It sets out the sources of funds for the service. It also provides for the

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Part VI (clauses 32-33) Sets out the miscellaneous provisions. It sets out areas in which counties can legislate on in regards to extension services and also delegates powers to the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations.

The Second Schedule contains provisions relating to meetings of the Board and the conduct of such meetings.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

Clauses 33 of the Bill does delegates powers to the Cabinet Secretary for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Act. The Bill does not limit fundamental rights and freedoms.

Statement on how the Bill concerns county governments

Agriculture is a devolved function set out in paragraph 1 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution. The Bill provides for extension Services which is a key aspect in the production of crops and livestock. The Bill seeks to ensure that extension services are developed and offered to the farmers in an accessible and effective manner.

The Bill therefore concerns county governments in terms of Articles 110(1) (a) of the Constitution.

Statement that the Bill is not a money Bill, within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

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Dated the 28th November, 2022.

MAUREEN TABITHA MUTINDA,
Senator.



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PART III – THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE

6. (1) There is established the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Service.

Establishment of the Service.

(2) The Service shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable or

immovable property;

- (c) entering into contracts;
- (d) borrowing and lending money; and
- (e) doing or performing all such other things or acts as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act, which may be lawfully done or performed by a body corporate.

Headquarters of
the Service.

7. (1) The headquarters of the Service shall be in Nairobi.

(2) The Service may establish such other offices anywhere in Kenya as it may consider necessary for the effective performance of its functions under this Act.

8. (1) The functions of the Service shall be to—

Functions of the
Service.

- (a) enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;
- (b) increase the long-term productivity of agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya while maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base on which the national and county government's agricultural economy depend on;
- (c) develop new uses and products for agricultural commodities and develop alternative production methods for the production of new crops; and
- (d) improve risk management in the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya.

(2) In the performance of its functions under subsection (1), the Service shall—

- (a) support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture industry in Kenya;
- (b) collaborate with county governments in —

- (i) improving the coordination and planning of agricultural research, extension and training programs;
 - (ii) identifying needs and establishing priorities for programs under subparagraph (i);
 - (iii) realising the implementation of national agricultural research, extension and training objectives in the respective counties; and
 - (iv) ensuring that the results of agricultural research are effectively communicated and demonstrated to users including farmers, processors, handlers, consumers who can benefit from them.
- (c) maintain and disseminate information on standards for the supply of nutritious and safe food by the county governments;
- (d) facilitate the transfer of technology;
- (e) encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in simple, easily accessible digital systems;
- (f) collaborate with international entities in order to leverage on resources, priority food and agricultural interests including addressing emerging plant and animal diseases, improving crop varieties and animal breeds and developing safe, efficient and nutritious food systems;
- (g) mobilise resources at the national level of government for investment in development and implementation of extension service programs in the counties;
- (h) develop and coordinate intergovernmental relation mechanisms in the delivery of services

related to extension services;

- (i) provide technical assistance and capacity building to the county governments on matters relating to extension services;
- (j) approve institutions for the training of extension services; and
- (k) establish, approve and accredit programs for continuing professional development programs

9. The management of the service shall vest in the Board of Directors.

Board of
Directors.

10. (1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;
- (b) the principal secretary responsible for matters relating to agriculture;
- (c) the principle secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock;
- (d) two persons with knowledge and experience in the field extension services nominated by the Council of County Governors;
- (e) one person representing national farm or producer organizations nominated by the Council of County Governors;
- (f) one person representing the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;
- (g) one person representing the National Association of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Providers nominated by the Association;
- (h) one person representing extension services training institutions nominated by the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (i) the chief executive officer.

Composition of the
Board.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (a), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) by notice

in the *Gazette*.

(3) The chief executive officer shall be an *ex officio* member and secretary to the Board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Board.

11. (1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (e), (f), (g) and (h) if that person—

Qualifications for appointment as a member.

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree in agriculture or a related field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has at least three years' experience in management; and
- (d) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity set out in Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) A person is not qualified for appointment if that person—

- (a) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months;
- (b) is a member of Parliament or county assembly; or
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt.

12. A person who is appointed under section 10 shall serve for a term of three years renewable for one further term.

Tenure of appointment.

A person ceases to be a member of the Board if

Vacation of office.

- (a) is absent, without reasonable cause, for three consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (b) becomes an officer, agent or member of staff of the Board;
- (c) resigns by giving a notice in writing addressed to the Cabinet Secretary;
- (d) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months;
- (e) is declared bankrupt;
- (g) is unable to perform the functions of office by

reason of mental or physical infirmity; or

(h) dies.

14. (1) The functions of the Board shall be to —

Functions of the
Board.

- (a) make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments on the implementation of strategies, plans and policies relating to the extension services;
- (b) advise the Cabinet Secretary and the County governments on Priority areas of Extension Service programs and the role of Non-state actors and other Extension Service Providers in line with the Policy;
- (c) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education, and economics with respect to the policies and priorities and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary based on such evaluation;
- (d) review and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary on the mechanisms needed for agricultural extension technology assessment and development for the purposes of—
 - (i) performance measurement and evaluation of the implementation of the Extension services program in Kenya; and
 - (ii) the development of mechanisms for the assessment of emerging public and private agricultural research and technology transfer initiatives.
- (e) consult with industry groups on agricultural research, extension, education, and economics, and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments based on the consultation;
- (f) consult with any appropriate agencies and solicit opinions and recommendations on persons who will benefit from and use nationally funded agricultural research, extension, education services;

- (g) establish linkages with local and international training and research institutions to conduct scientific research and investigations in all areas pertaining to extension services;
- (h) coordination of agricultural research by maintaining a continuing inventory of ongoing and completed extension and research projects being conducted and funded by the government;
- (i) put in place a framework for capacity building and training of various players in the industry; and
- (j) carry out such other functions as may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or conferred under any other law.

(2) The Board shall consult and collaborate with the county executive committee member in the development, promotion and regulation of the extension services in the respective counties.

15. (1) The Board may establish such committees as it may consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and the exercise of its powers under this Act.

Committees of the Board

(2) The Board may co-opt any person to sit in a committee established under subsection (1) such persons whose knowledge and skills are found necessary for the performance of the functions of the Board.

16. The Board may, by resolution either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any committee, member, officer, employee or agent of the Board, the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions of the Board under this Act or under any other written law.

Delegation by the Board.

17. The members of the Board shall be paid such remuneration, fees or allowances as the Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

Remuneration of members of the Board.

18. (1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the Board who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.

Chief executive officer.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the chief

executive officer if that person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has at least ten years' experience in senior management; and
- (d) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity set out in chapter six of the Constitution.

(3) The chief executive officer shall hold office for a term of five years and is eligible for re-appointment for one further term.

19. The chief executive officer shall be the secretary to the Board and shall, subject to the direction of the Board—

Functions of the chief executive officer.

- (a) be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;
- (b) manage the funds, property and affairs of the Board;
- (c) be responsible for the management of the staff of the Board;
- (d) oversee and coordinate the implementation of the policies, programmes and objectives of the Board;
- (e) cause to be prepared for the approval of the Board—
 - (i) the strategic plan and annual plan of the Board; and
 - (ii) the annual budget and audited accounts of the Board; and
- (f) perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

20. The chief executive officer shall cease to hold office if that person—

Removal of the chief executive officer.

- (a) resigns in writing, addressed to the Board;
- (b) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than six months;

- (c) is found liable for gross misconduct or abuse of office in contravention of any written law;
- (d) is declared bankrupt;
- (e) is unable to perform the functions of office by reason of mental or physical infirmity; or
- (f) dies.

21. (1) The Board may employ such officers, agents and staff as are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the Board under this Act and upon such terms and conditions of service as the Board may determine.

Staff of the Board.

(2) The persons appointed under subsection (1) shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board and shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Board may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission determine.

(3) The staff appointed under subsection (1) shall possess such knowledge and experience as shall be determined by the Board.

22. Liability shall not attach to the Board or to any of its members, officers, agents or staff for loss or damage incurred by a person as a result of an act or omission done or made in good faith and without negligence in the performance or exercise or the intended performance or exercise of any duty or power imposed by or conferred under this Act.

Protection from personal liability.

23. (1) The common seal of the Board shall be kept in the custody of the chief executive officer or such other person as the Board may direct, and shall not be used except upon the order of the Board.

Common seal of the Board.

(2) The seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the chief executive officer and the chairperson or a person designated by the Board for that purpose on behalf of the chairperson.

24. All letters and instruments written or made by or on behalf of the Board, other than those required by law to be under seal, and all decisions of the Board, shall be signed under the hand of the chief executive officer or in the absence of the chief executive officer, a person

Signing authority.

authorized by the Board.

25. (1) The business and affairs of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions set out in the Schedule.

Meetings of
Board.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the Schedule, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

(3) The Board may invite any person to attend any of its meetings and to participate in its deliberations, but such person shall not be entitled to vote on any of the Board's decisions.

PART IV – ROLE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

26. (1) Each county government shall—

Role of county
governments.

- (a) implement the National Government policy and standards relating to the extension services;
- (b) regulate and promote extension services within the respective county;
- (c) collect, collate and disseminate information on extension services including the appropriate technology and practices to ensure maximisation of yields and sales by stakeholders;
- (d) coordinate the activities of persons, organisations and any other associations within the field of extension services;
- (e) facilitate access by players in the extension services to such resources and financial support as may be necessary to promote the use and development of extension services in the respective county; and
- (f) improve on the safe production and processing of, and adding of value to, Kenyan food and fibre resources using methods that maintain the balance between yield and environmental soundness.

(2) Each county executive committee member shall, in ensuring that the county government fulfils its obligations under subsection (1) –

- (a) maintain an up to date register of extension

services providers as it considers appropriate in that county;

- (b) consider applications for registration and licences;
- (c) carry out surveillance and inspections to ensure compliance with the standards and legislation on the extension services;
- (d) promote the organisation of all players in the field of extension services;
- (e) provide training on extension service programs and disseminate information to stakeholders on entrepreneurial and other technical skills and values, attitude formation and socio-economic development strategies;
- (f) collaborate with relevant institutions so as to promote access to credit and other financial services; and
- (g) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law.

27. (1) A county public service board shall competitively recruit and appoint such extension services officers as it may consider necessary for the proper and efficient implementation of this Act.

Recruitment of extension services officers.

- (2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection(1), the county service board shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed at the grassroot level.
- (3) Each county government shall provide the necessary infrastructure and funds necessary for the implementation of extension services within the county.

28. (1) A person is qualified for employment as an extension services officer if the person holds a certificate in an extension services related course from a tertiary institution recognized in Kenya.

Qualification for extension services officers.

(2) A County government may through legislation, prescribe additional qualifications as it may deem necessary.

29. (1) An extension services officer or a private

Registration of

entity that intends to provide extension services, shall register with the respective county government in which they intend to provide the services.

extension services
officers.

(2) An extension service officer or private entity shall furnish the officer appointed under section 30(3) with change of details within seven days of the occurrence of the change.

30. (1) Each county executive committee member shall keep and maintain a register of —

Register of
extension services
providers.

(a) extension service officers registered in the respective county; and

(b) private entities providing extension services in the respective county.

(2) The register under subsection (1) shall include the following—

(a) in the case of an extension service officer—

(i) name

(ii) identification details as per the identification document;

(iii) contact details;

(iv) qualifications;

(v) information on current status of employment; and

(vi) such other information as the county executive committee member shall prescribe in county legislation.

(b) in the case of a private entity—

(i) name of the entity;

(ii) number and details of extension officers employed by the entity;

(iii) area of specialty; and

(iv) location of the office headquarters and branches if any.

(3) The County executive committee member shall designate a public officer within the county public service as a registrar to keep and maintain the register under subsection (1).

31. (1) Each county executive committee member shall publish on a website maintained by the county government and on such other platform as the committee member may consider appropriate, information on the —

Publicizing
extension services

- (a) extension services available in the county; and
- (b) extension services officers delivering the services within the county.

(2) The information published under subsection (1) shall include-

- (a) emerging pest and diseases that may affect crops and livestock in the county;
- (b) the major challenges faced by farmers and the action required to prevent or mitigate such challenges;
- (c) the preventive and curative measures available to the farmers;
- (d) information about resources available to support farmers within the County; and
- (e) such other information relating to extension services that the county executive committee member may consider necessary.

(3) The information under subsection (1) shall be accessible to the residents of the county and shall be published in a format that is easy to understand.

PART V – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

32. The funds of the Service shall consist of—

Funds of the
Service.

- (a) monies appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the service;
- (b) such monies or assets as may accrue to or vest in the service in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act or any other written law; and
- (c) donations, grants, loans or gifts made to the service and approved by the Cabinet Secretary for finance.

33. (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Board shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Board for that year.

Annual estimates.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all estimated expenditure of the Board for the financial year concerned.

(3) The annual estimates prepared by the Board under subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for tabling in the National Assembly and the Senate.

34. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept such books of accounts and other books in relation thereto of all its undertakings, funds, activities and property as the Cabinet Secretary may from time to time approve and shall, within a period of three months after the end of the financial year, cause to be prepared, signed and forwarded to the Auditor-General—

Accounts and
audit.

- (a) a balance sheet showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the Board; and
- (b) such other statements of accounts as the Cabinet Secretary may approve.

(2) The accounts of the Board shall be examined, audited and reported upon annually by the Auditor-General in accordance with the Public Audit Act.

Cap 412B.

(3) The Board shall submit to the Auditor-General all books and accounts of the Board, together with all vouchers in support thereof, and all books, papers and writings in its possession or control relating thereto, and

the Auditor-General shall be entitled to require from any member, officer, employee or agent of the Board such information and explanation as he may consider necessary for the performance of his duties.

may consider necessary for the performance of his duties.

35. (1) The Board shall, within a period of three months after the end of each financial year or within such longer period as the Cabinet Secretary may approve, submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the Board during such year, and the annual balance sheet and such other statements of account as the Cabinet Secretary shall require, together with the Auditor-General's report.

Annual report and publication.

(2) The Board shall, if the Cabinet Secretary so requires, publish the report, balance sheet and statements submitted under subsection (1) in such manner as the Cabinet Secretary may specify.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall submit to the National Assembly and the Senate the reports, balance sheet and statements submitted under subsection (1), within a period of fourteen days of the receipt of the reports and statements.

36. The financial year of the service shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth of June in each year.

Financial year of the Board.

PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

37. Each county government may enact county specific legislation setting out –

County specific legislation.

- (a) the criteria for the registration of extension services providers within the respective county;
- (b) criteria for the issuance of a licence to an applicant within the respective county;
- (c) information required to be submitted by an applicant for registration or issuance of a licence;
- (d) process of determination of an application for registration or issuance of a licence;

- (e) the conditions for the issuance or renewal of a licence under this Act;
- (f) the grounds for the rejection of an application or cancellation of a licence issued under this Act; and
- (g) process of application for the renewal of registration and de-registration.

38. A person offering extension services shall adhere to such procedures, standards, code of ethics and guidelines as may be prescribed under this Act or any other written law.

Adherence to set rules.

39. (1) The Cabinet Secretary may, on recommendation of the Service and the county governments, make regulations for or with respect to any matter which is necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

Regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe the minimum standards with regard to the —

- (a) training of extension services officers;
- (b) professional qualifications of extension services officers;
- (c) certification and registration with respect to extension services; and
- (d) remuneration of extension services officers.

SCHEDULE

(s. 25(1))

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF
BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE BOARD**

1. (1) The Board shall have at least six meetings in every financial year and not more than two months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting. Meetings.

(2) Meetings shall be convened by the chief executive officer in consultation with the chairperson and shall be held at such times and such places as the chairperson shall determine.

(3) The respective chairpersons shall preside over all meetings and in the absence of the chairperson, by a person elected by the Board as the case may be at the meeting for that purpose.

(4) The chairperson may at any time convene a special meeting of the Board as the case may be, and shall do so within one month of the receipt by the chairperson of a written request signed by at least five other members.

(5) Unless half of the members of the Board otherwise agree, at least seven days' notice of a meeting shall be given to every member of the Board as the case may be.

2. The quorum of a meeting of the Board is half of the total number of members. Quorum.

3. A decision of the Board shall be by a majority of the members present and voting and, in the case of an equality of votes; the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Voting.

4. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and entered in records kept for that purpose. Minutes.

5. (1) If a person is present at a meeting of the Board or respective committee at which any matter is the subject of consideration and in which matter that person is directly or indirectly interested in a private capacity, that person shall as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the meeting, declare such interest. Disclosure of interest.

(2) The person making the disclosure of interest under subsection (1) shall not, unless the Board or committee

otherwise directs, take part in any consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question touching on the matter.

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(3) A disclosure of interest made under subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) A member or employee of the Board shall not transact any business or trade with the Board.

I certify that this printed impression is a true copy of the Bill as passed by the Senate on Wednesday, 21st February, 2024.

Clerk of the Senate

Endorsed for presentation to the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of standing order 161 of the Senate Standing Orders.

Speaker of the Senate



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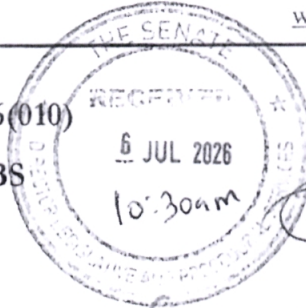
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Dear Distinguished Colleague,

RE: PASSAGE OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO.12 OF 2022)

The above-mentioned subject matter refers.

Attached herewith, please find a Message in respect of the passage of the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No.12 of 2022) by the National Assembly, on Wednesday, 10th June 2026.

I have also enclosed copies of the schedule of amendments to the Bill as passed by the House, Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings and Hansard Report for the relevant Sitting for reference.

Yours

Sincerely,

Samuel Njoroge, CBS

CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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_____ (No.007 of 2026) _____

**SUBJECT: PASSAGE OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO.12 OF 2022)**

PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 144 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly —

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No.12 of 2022), was passed by the Senate on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 and thereafter referred to the National Assembly for consideration pursuant to Article 110(4) of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill on Wednesday, 10th June 2026 with amendments, in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41(1) and 144 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate.

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 1st July 2026

**THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES
BILL, 2022**

(SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022)

The Bill as passed by the National Assembly on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026

**SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE BILL BY THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY**

CLAUSE 3

THAT, Clause 3 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(b) to achieve sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity for improved benefits;”

(b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(ba) to enhance coordination and collaboration for improved research, extension and clientele linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chains;”

(c) by deleting paragraph (e);

(d) by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 3—

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3A. In the performance of the functions and exercise of the Guiding principles
powers conferred on the Service under this Act, the Service
shall be guided by—

- (a) the national values and principles of governance set out in Article 10 of the Constitution;
- (b) accountability and focus on citizens;
- (c) simplicity and practicability;
- (d) productivity and income generation;
- (e) social inclusivity, non- discrimination and equity;

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- (f) modernization and use of new technology;
- (g) consistency and predictability; and
- (h) technical and financial sustainability.

CLAUSE 4

THAT, Clause 4 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (2) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (a)—

“(aa)capture the new technologies and innovations to progressively modernize extension services;”

- (b) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 5

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “*county* government”.
- (b) in subclause (3) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 8

THAT, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—

- (i) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a)regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services;”

- (ii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (a)—

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“(aa)enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;”

(iii) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (d)—

“(e)create and manage a national agriculture and livestock extension data centre that is logical, unambiguous, reliable, updatable, affordable, accessible, sustainable and accountable; and
(f)monitor and moderate linkages within and between the Service and other relevant data and information sources.”

(b) in subclause (2)—

(i) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately before paragraph (a)—

“(aa)advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters relating to agricultural extension services;”

(ii) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(b)undertake research and support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and promote extension service to improve economic activities;”

(iii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(ba) meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture and livestock industry;”

(iv) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (k)—

“(l)encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in a simple and easily accessible digital system;

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- (m) encourage and facilitate settlement of disputes through alternative dispute resolution;
- (n) establish partnerships and networks with relevant regional, continental and international research, extension and training bodies;
- (o) develop introduction and training programs on matters relating to extension services in coordination with national, regional and international organizations involved in agricultural extension services;
- (p) coordinate emerging agricultural and livestock technology, innovations and management practices through continuous interventions from ongoing and completed government funded programs and projects; and
- (q) secure and maintain an effective data bank of research outcomes to inform extension services; and
- (r) carry out such other functions as may be assigned under the law.”

CLAUSE 10

THAT, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in sub clause (1)—

(i) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the President;”

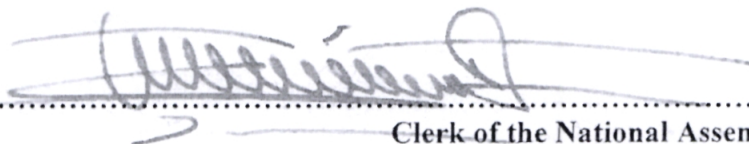
(ii) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(d) one person nominated by the Council of Governors and appointed by the Cabinet Secretary through a gazette notice who shall be the vice-chairperson of the Board;”

(iii) by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(e) one person representing the umbrella farmers organization;”

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- (iv) by deleting paragraph (f) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(f) the Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;

- (v) by deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(g) one person representing the agricultural extension and advisory service providers appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;”

- (b) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

“(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (d), (e), (g) and (h) by notice in the *Gazette*.”

CLAUSE 11

THAT, Clause 11 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—

- (i) by deleting the opening statement and substituting therefor the following new opening statement—

“(1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (d), (e), (g) and (h) if that person—“

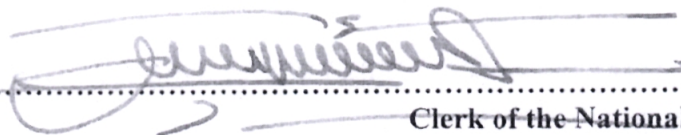
- (ii) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(c) has at least three years’ experience in management for the vice-chairperson or a member and at least ten years for the chairperson in matters relating to agriculture, livestock extension service or any other relevant field;”

- (b) in subclause (2) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (c)—

“(d) is declared to be of unsound mind; or

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(e)has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.”

CLAUSE 12

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after Clause 12—

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12A. The Chairperson or a member may be removed from office only for— Removal from office.

- (a) being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without permission of the Chairperson, in the case of a member, and the Cabinet Secretary in the case of the Chairperson;
- (b) contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other law;
- (c) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of the office;
- (d) being an undischarged bankrupt;
- (e) being convicted of a felony; or
- (f) being incompetent or neglecting duty.

12B. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, Filling a vacancy
the relevant appointing authority shall appoint a new Chairperson or member, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

CLAUSE 14

THAT, Clause 14 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting the word “economics” appearing in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word “benefits”;
 - (ii) by deleting the word “economics” appearing in paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the word “benefits”;
 - (iii) by deleting the word “continuing” appearing in paragraph (h) and substituting therefor the word “continuous”; and

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- (iv) by inserting the words “on extension service delivery” immediately after the word “industry” in paragraph (i);
- (b) in subclause (2) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (c) by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 14—

14A.(1) The Board shall have all powers necessary for the Powers of the Board.
proper performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing,
the Board has power to—

- (a) control, supervise and administer the assets of the Board in such manner as best promotes the purposes for which the Board is established;
- (b) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for reserves of the Board;
- (c) receive any grants, gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;
- (d) enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Board is established;
- (e) open a banking account or bank accounts for the funds of the Board; and
- (f) invest any of its funds not immediately required in a manner and purpose provided in the Act.

CLAUSE 16

THAT, the Bill be amended in Clause 16—

- (a) by numbering the existing clause as subclause (1)—
- (b) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1)—

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(2)A delegation under this section.—

- (a) shall be subject to any conditions as the Board may impose;
- (b) shall not divest the Board off the responsibility concerning the exercise of its powers or the performance of the duties delegated to it; and
- (c) may be withdrawn, and any decision made by the person to whom the delegation is made may be withdrawn or varied by the Board.

CLAUSE 19

THAT, Clause 19 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a)be responsible for the accounts of the Board and the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;”
- (b) in paragraph (c) inserting the words “the head of secretariat and” immediately after the word “be”;

CLAUSE 20

THAT, Clause 20 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c)—

“(ca) is incompetent or neglects duty;”
- (b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (e)—

“(ea) any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of appointment.”
- (c) by deleting paragraph (f).

CLAUSE 26

THAT, Clause 26 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

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CLAUSE 27

THAT, Clause 27 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

“(2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection (1), the county government shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed to devolved units and the resolution centres.”

CLAUSE 30

THAT, Clause 30 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (b) in subclause (2) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in paragraph (iv) and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
- (c) in paragraph (b) by inserting the following new subparagraph immediately after subparagraph (iv)—

“(v) the geographical scope that the extension service can competently cover”. and

- (d) in subclause (3) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” and substituting therefor the words “county government”.

CLAUSE 31

THAT, Clause 31 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1)—
 - (i) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the opening statement and substituting therefor the words “county government”.
 - (ii) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(c) position of functional technology and data centres;”

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(b) in subclause (2)—

- (i) by inserting the words “as per the tallies of the data centres” immediately after the word “county” in paragraph (a); and
- (ii) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the opening statement and substituting therefor the words “county government” in paragraph (c).

NEW PARTS IVA AND IVB

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Part IV(A) and Part IV(B) and immediately after Clause 31—

PART IV(A)-NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICE DATA CENTER

31A. (1) There is established a Data Centre to be known as the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre.

Establishment of the
National
Agricultural
Extension Services
Data Center

(2) The Centre shall serve as a centralized digital storage in which information on agricultural extension services is stored.

(3) The Centre shall contain agricultural information and data for use in extension services research from—

- (a) Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation;
- (b) universities;
- (c) agricultural research institutes;
- (d) agricultural professionals;
- (e) farmer organization;
- (f) international agricultural research organisations; and
- (g) any other relevant organization.

(4) The Centre shall be easily accessible and user friendly.

31B. The functions of the Centre shall be to

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- (a) receive, analyse, process and sort out agricultural challenges as relayed by farmers through established diagnostic processes with a view to proposing solutions;
- (b) promote scientific and technological advancements by highlighting on the available improved agricultural varieties and technologies;
- (c) store agricultural research data;
- (d) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education and benefits;
- (e) establish extension planning and information sharing platforms;
- (f) test promising technologies from research on the farmers' fields and promote relevant ones for mass adoption;
- (g) strengthen the agricultural research - extension - farmer- linkage;
- (h) design and supervise on-farm adaptive research trials;
- (i) inform better focused research through development of appropriate up-to-date technologies and innovations oriented to farmers' needs;
- (j) enable the synchronized processing of agricultural data and information; and
- (k) facilitate co-ordination and partnership among agencies involved in agricultural information and data generation.

31C. (1) The Centre shall be administered by the Service.

Administration of the
Data Centre

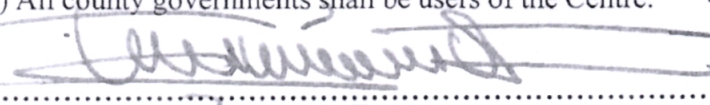
(2) The Service shall establish a digital platform for data storage.

(3) The Service shall ensure maintenance of the integrity and security of the Center.

31D. (1) All county governments shall be users of the Centre.

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(2) Any person or entity may apply to the Centre through the Service for registration as a user of the Centre.

(3) An application under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form.

(4) The Service shall —

- (a) issue a notification of registration to a registered user of the Centre; and
- (b) maintain an electronic register of the registered users of the Centre.

(5) The Service may—

- (a) reject an application under this section where a person fails to meet the conditions specified in the Regulations or any other law; and
- (b) deregister a person registered under this section, where the person—
 - (i) contravenes the conditions specified in the Regulations made under this Act or any other law; or
 - (ii) is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other relevant law relating to improper access to or interference with the Centre.

PART IVB—AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

31E. (1) Each county government shall establish an Establishment of the
Agricultural Diagnostic
Centre. Agriculture and Livestock Diagnostic Centre.

(2) The diagnostic centre shall serve as the primary agricultural extension services diagnostic center.

(3) The diagnostic centre shall be funded by the county government.

31F. The functions of the diagnostic centre are to— Functions of the
diagnostic centre.

- (a) diagnose prevailing farming problems in the county;

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- (b) relay the diagnosed farming problems to the data centre to obtain appropriate solutions;
- (c) simplify complex problems and provide solutions for use by farmers and other value chain actors;
- (d) act as a link between farmers, extension service providers and the data centre;
- (e) empower farmers to access and utilize agricultural extension services;
- (f) promote farmer groups and high-level farmer organizations to develop capacity to manage farming enterprises;
- (g) to support the private sector to develop capacity for delivery of agricultural extension services;
- (h) foster farmer education;
- (i) promote scientific and technological advancements in agricultural extension services;
- (j) provide essential public services through consultations and online support, aimed at enhancing farmers' capabilities;
- (k) receive request for information and data on abnormal occurrences for solutions;
- (l) interpret farmers' requests and relay solutions;
- (m) act as a link between the national, regional and international research generating centres; and
- (n) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law.

31G. (1) The Diagnostic Centre shall be administered by the Registrar. Administration of the diagnostic centre.

(2) The Registrar shall coordinate and collaborate with extension services officers in the delivery of the Center's services.

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CLAUSE 33

THAT, Clause 33 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3) by deleting the words “National Assembly and Senate” and substituting therefor the word “Parliament”.

CLAUSE 35

THAT, Clause 35 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the words “but not more than six months” immediately after the word “approve”.

CLAUSE 37

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 37 and substituting therefor the following new Clause—

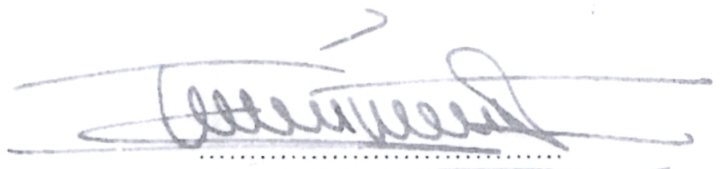
“37. A county government may make county specific legislations on extension services so long as they are not in conflict with this Act or any regulations made under this Act.”

CLAUSE 39

THAT, Clause 39 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(d) guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service officers.

Certified



Clerk of the National Assembly

This..... day of July,....., 2026

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Clerk of the National Assembly

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



13TH PARLIAMENT | FIFTH SESSION

THE SENATE

DIRECTORATE OF LEGAL SERVICES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

COMMITTEE PAPER

**A CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS ON THE
AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL, 2022
(SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2022) MATRIX OF THE CLAUSE-BY-CLAUSE
ANALYSIS**

Clerk's Chambers,
The Senate,
First Floor, Parliament Buildings,

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill, 2022 (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022) is sponsored by Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP. The Bill seeks to provide a framework for delivering extension services, establish the Agricultural and Extension Service, and bridge the gap between farmers and scientific research.
2. The Senate considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on 21st February, 2024. The Bill was thereafter forwarded to the National Assembly for consideration and passage pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution.
3. The National Assembly considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026. The Bill was thereafter returned to the Senate through a message dated 1st July, 2026.
4. On 15th July, 2026, the Speaker of the Senate conveyed the message on the National Assembly's passage of the Bill with amendments and subsequently referred the amendments to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for consideration.
5. This is a paper on the amendments passed by the National Assembly.

B. AMENDMENTS AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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3. Objects.	(a) Delete paragraph (b) and substitute with the following: <i>(b) to achieve sustainable agricultural and livestock productivity for improved benefits;</i>	(b) to promote the generation of high income for farmers and traders through increased production and sourcing of competitive markets;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The substitution strengthens the object of the Bill by emphasizing sustainability and measurable benefits, consistent with Article 43 of the Constitution on food security and Article 10 on equity and inclusivity.
	(b) Insert new paragraph after (b): <i>(ba) to enhance coordination and collaboration for improved research, extension and clientele</i>		No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The insertion enhances institutional linkages and strengthens

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	<i>linkages across the agricultural and livestock product value chains;</i>			collaboration across value chains, which is critical for effective extension services.
	(c) Delete paragraph (e).	(e) for the provision of financial support to the various players in the extension service.	The Bill does not include any section that is referring to provision of financial support to various players in the extension service.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The deletion is justified, as the Bill does not establish a financing framework.
	(d) Insert new clause immediately after Clause 3: <i>Clause 3A – Guiding Principles</i> <i>3A. The Service shall be guided by:</i> (a) <i>National values and principles of governance (Article 10, Constitution);</i> (b) <i>Accountability and focus on citizens;</i> (c) <i>Simplicity and</i>		No rationale provided	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The insertion provides a framework that directs how the service should operate and make decisions, ensuring consistency, accountability, and alignment with constitutional values.

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	<i>practicability;</i> <i>(d) Productivity and income generation;</i> <i>(e) Social inclusivity, non-discrimination and equity;</i> <i>(f) Modernization and use of new technology;</i> <i>(g) Consistency and predictability; and</i> <i>(h) Technical and financial sustainability.</i>			
4. National extension services policy.	(a) In subclause (2), insert a new paragraph immediately after (a): <i>(aa) capture the new technologies and innovations to progressively modernize extension services;</i>	(2) In developing the National Extension Services Policy, the Cabinet Secretary shall have regard to— (a) the need for an effective management and implementation structure at the national and county levels of government in order to ensure the effective development of	No rationale provided	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Inserting a clause on capturing new technologies and innovations ensures that the National Extension Services Policy remains forward looking and adaptable.

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		the extension services;		
	(b) In subclause (4), delete the words " <i>county executive committee member</i> " and substitute with " <i>county government.</i> "	(4) The Cabinet Secretary, each county executive committee member and all relevant public bodies shall, when exercising or performing any statutory function, take into account and give effect to the national agricultural and livestock extension services policy.	No rationale provided	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The county executive committee member is the recognized office holder responsible for agriculture at the county level. Just as the Cabinet Secretary is designated at the national level, the county executive committee member is the officer who carries legal responsibility for policy formulation, gazettelement and implementation. Retaining the wording "county executive committee member" ensures direct

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				accountability.
5. County extension services strategy.	(a) In subclause (1), delete the words " <i>county executive committee member</i> " and substitute with " <i>county government.</i> "	5. (1) Each county executive committee member shall formulate and publish, in the Gazette, a county specific extension services strategy.		• Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. Formulating and publishing a county extension services strategy is a specific statutory function that is performed by the county executive committee member responsible for agriculture, not by the county government as a whole. Retaining "county executive committee member" ensures direct accountability and consistency just like how the national functions are assigned to the Cabinet Secretary not the national

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				government.
	(b) In subclause (3), delete the words " <i>county executive committee member</i> " and substitute with " <i>county government.</i> "	(3) The county executive committee member shall periodically review the county agricultural and livestock extension services strategy and may, by notice in the Gazette, publish a revised county agricultural and livestock extension services strategy.	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The duty to periodically review and gazette a revised county extension services strategy is a specific statutory function that should be performed by the county executive committee member responsible for agriculture. Just as the Cabinet Secretary is named at the national level, the CECM is responsible at the county level. Retaining "county executive committee member" ensures direct responsibility and

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				accountability.
8. Functions of the Service.	(a) In subclause (1): (i) Delete paragraph (a) and substitute with: <i>(a) regulation and management of agricultural and livestock extension services;</i>	(1) The functions of the Service shall be to— (a) enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;	To provide clarity on the functions of the service and to avoid overlaps with other institutions like KEPHIS, AFA and KALRO.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It sharpens the Bill's institutional architecture and ensures the Service focuses on extension services regulation and management.
	(ii) Insert a new paragraph immediately after (a): <i>(aa) enhance the competitiveness of the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya in an increasingly competitive environment;</i>		No rationale provided	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. This is a reinsertion of what the National Assembly had proposed to delete, which the Committee has accepted to avoid overlaps with other institutions and to

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				ensure that the functions of the Service are tied explicitly to extension services and not the broad agriculture and livestock industry.
	(iii) Insert new paragraphs after (d): <i>(e) create and manage a national agriculture and livestock extension data centre that is logical, unambiguous, reliable, updatable, affordable, accessible, sustainable and accountable; and</i> <i>(f) monitor and moderate linkages within and between the Service and other relevant data and information sources.</i>	(d) improve risk management in the agriculture and livestock industry in Kenya.	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendments enhance transparency, modernization, and accountability by establishing a national extension data centre and mandating coordination with other data sources. This strengthens institutional capacity, avoids duplication, and ensures extension services are evidence based and

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				sustainable.
	(b) In subclause (2): (i) Insert a new paragraph immediately before paragraph (a)— <i>(aa) advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters relating to agricultural extension services;</i>	(2) In the performance of its functions under subsection (1), the Service shall— (a) support the provision of agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture industry in Kenya;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendment strengthens institutional coherence by mandating the Service to advise the Cabinet Secretary on extension services, thereby ensuring national policy is informed by technical expertise, aligned with sectoral strategies, and accountable to statutory structures.
	(ii) Delete paragraph (b) and substitute with— <i>(b) undertake research and support the provision of</i>	(b) collaborate with county governments in — (i) improving the coordination and planning of agricultural research,	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The

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	<i>agricultural research on extension services to promote economic opportunities in rural communities and promote extension services to improve economic activities;</i>	extension and training programs; (ii) identifying needs and establishing priorities for programs under subparagraph (i); (iii) realising the implementation of national agricultural research, extension and training objectives in the respective counties; and (iv) ensuring that the results of agricultural research are effectively communicated and demonstrated to users including farmers, processors, handlers, consumers who can benefit from them.		amendment clarifies the Service's role by mandating it to undertake and support agricultural research specifically on extension services, thereby promoting rural economic opportunities and improving agricultural activities, while avoiding duplication with county governments and other research institutions.
	(iii) Insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—		No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to reject the

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	<i>(ba) meet the demand for information and technology transfer throughout the agriculture and livestock industry;</i>			proposal. The Committee observed that the phrase “meet the demand for” was inappropriate as it implies an obligation beyond the Service’s statutory capacity. Instead, the Committee noted that wording such as “facilitate access to information and technology transfer” would be more reasonable, aligning the Service’s role with enabling and supporting stakeholders rather than guaranteeing demand fulfillment.
	(iv) Insert new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (k)—	(k) establish, approve and accredit programs for continuing professional development programs	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The

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	<i>(l) encourage the use of information communication and technology by developing and packaging information in a simple and easily accessible digital system;</i> <i>(m) encourage and facilitate settlement of disputes through alternative dispute resolution;</i> <i>(n) establish partnerships and networks with relevant regional, continental and international research, extension and training bodies;</i> <i>(o) develop introduction and training programs on matters relating to extension services in coordination with national, regional and international organizations involved in</i>			amendments modernize and strengthen the Service's mandate by integrating ICT, promoting alternative dispute resolution, fostering partnerships, coordinating emerging technologies, and securing a research data bank.

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	<i>agricultural extension services;</i> <i>(p) coordinate emerging agricultural and livestock technology, innovations and management practices through continuous inventions from ongoing and completed government funded programs and projects;</i> <i>(q) secure and maintain an effective data bank of research outcomes to inform extension services; and</i> <i>(r) carry out such other functions as may be assigned under the law.</i>			
10. Composition of the Board.	(a) In subclause (1): (i) Delete paragraph (a) and substitute with— <i>(a) a chairperson who shall</i>	10. (1) The Board shall consist of — (a) a chairperson who shall be appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;	Align appointment of the chairperson to be appointed by the President in line with the Mwongozo Code	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It aligns chairperson

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	<i>be appointed by the President;</i>		of Conduct for parastatals.	appointment with Mwongozo Code by vesting authority in the President.
	(ii) Delete paragraph (d) and substitute with— <i>(d) one person nominated by the Council of Governors and appointed by the Cabinet Secretary through a gazette notice who shall be the vice-chairperson of the Board;</i>	(d) two persons with knowledge and experience in the field extension services nominated by the Council of County Governors;	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The amendment reduces the number and representation of counties, yet extension services are a devolved function under the Constitution. Representation of counties in the Board must therefore reflect this reality. The Committee proposes to rework the composition of the Board as follows: (d) One person with knowledge and experience in extension services nominated by Council of

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				Governors to serve as the Vice Chairperson of the Board. (e) Two farmer representatives; one representing livestock farmers and one representing crop farmers; nominated by the Council of Governors (to replace paragraph (e)).
	(iii)Delete paragraph (e) and substitute with— <i>(e) one person representing the umbrella farmers organization;</i>	(e) one person representing national farm or producer organizations nominated by the Council of County Governors;	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. It replaces a clear and legitimate nominating authority, the Council of Governors, with a vague “umbrella farmers organization” that is undefined in law or policy. The Senate’s

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				proposal is to rework on paragraph (e) to include two farmers representatives one for livestock and one for crop farming nominated by the Council of Governors.
	(iv)Delete paragraph (f) and substitute with— <i>(f) the Director General of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;</i>	(f) one person representing the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization nominated by the Organization;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The amendment does not alter the substance of representation by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, but clarifies that the Director General shall serve as the representative nominated by the Organization.

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	(v) Delete paragraph (g) and substitute with— <i>(g) one person representing the agricultural extension and advisory service providers appointed by the Cabinet Secretary;</i>	(g) one person representing the National Association of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Providers nominated by the Association;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The previously referenced “National Association of Agriculture and Livestock Extension Service Providers” does not exist as a legally recognized body.
	(b) Delete subclause (2) and substitute with— <i>(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (d), (e), (g) and (h) by notice in the Gazette.</i>	(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall appoint the members under subsection (1) (a), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) by notice in the Gazette.	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. This is because of the committee’s decision to reject the amendments to the composition of (d) and (e).
11.	(a) In subclause (1):	11. (1) A person is	No rationale provided.	Reject

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Qualifications for appointment as a member.	(i) Delete the opening statement and substitute with— <i>(1) A person is qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (d), (e), (g) and (h) if that person—</i>	qualified for appointment as a member of the Board under section 10(1) (a), (e), (f), (g) and (h) if that person—		The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. This amendment was only adjusting the list of subsections referenced but because of the committee's decision in paragraph (d) and (e) the committee resolved to reject until the composition is agreed upon.
	(ii) Delete paragraph (c) and substitute with— <i>(c) has at least three years' experience in management for the vice-chairperson or a member and at least ten years for the chairperson in matters relating to agriculture, livestock extension service or any</i>	(c) has at least three years' experience in management;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the qualifications framework by differentiating experience requirements for leadership roles, requiring at least three

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	<i>other relevant field;</i>			years' management experience for members and the vice chairperson, and ten years for the chairperson in agriculture, livestock extension, or related fields.
	(b) In subclause (2): Insert new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (c)— <i>(d) is declared to be of unsound mind;</i> <i>(e) has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.</i>	(2) A person is not qualified for appointment if that person— (a) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least six months; (b) is a member of Parliament or county assembly; or (c) is adjudged bankrupt.	• No rationale provided.	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the disqualification criteria by adding two important governance safeguards: exclusion of persons declared to be of unsound mind, and those previously removed from office for contravening the Constitution or other written law.

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12. Tenure of appointment.	(a) Insert the following new clauses immediately after Clause 12— <i>Removal from office</i> <i>12A. The Chairperson or a member may be removed from office only for—</i> <i>(a) being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without permission of the Chairperson, in the case of a member, and the Cabinet Secretary in the case of the Chairperson;</i> <i>(b) contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other law;</i> <i>(c) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of the office;</i> <i>(d) being an undischarged bankrupt;</i>	12. A person who is appointed under section 10 shall serve for a term of three years renewable for one further term.	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to reject the proposal to insert 12A since it is already covered in Clause 13 of the Bill. The committee however accepts the insertion of 12B as it introduces a mechanism for filling vacancies.

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	<i>(e) being convicted of a felony; or</i> <i>(f) being incompetent or neglecting duty. "</i> <i>Filling a vacancy</i> <i>12B. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the relevant appointing authority shall appoint a new Chairperson or member, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.</i>			
14. Functions of the Board.	(a) In subclause (1): (i) Delete the word "economics" appearing in paragraph (c) and substitute with "benefits."	14. (1) The functions of the Board shall be to — ... (c) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension, education, and economics with respect to the policies and priorities and make	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Using "benefits" ensures the Board evaluates agricultural research not only in economic terms but also in relation to broader policy priorities

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		recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary based on such evaluation;		and stakeholder gains.
	(ii) Delete the word " <i>economics</i> " appearing in paragraph (e) and substitute with " <i>benefits</i> ."	(e) consult with industry groups on agricultural research, extension, education, and economics, and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary and the county governments based on the consultation;		• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It broadens the evaluative scope to include productivity, sustainability, social welfare, and farmer livelihoods.
	(iii) Delete the word " <i>continuing</i> " appearing in paragraph (h) and substitute with " <i>continuous</i> ."	(h) coordination of agricultural research by maintaining a continuing inventory of ongoing and completed extension and research projects being conducted and funded by the government;	• No rationale provided.	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The substitution is a linguistic refinement that improves clarity without altering the substantive meaning of the provision.

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	(iv) Insert the words " <i>on extension service delivery</i> " immediately after the word " <i>industry</i> " in paragraph (i).	(i) put in place a framework for capacity building and training of various players in the industry;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It narrows the focus to "players in the industry on extension service delivery," ensuring training efforts directly strengthen agricultural extension systems.
	(b) In subclause (2): (i) Delete the words " <i>county executive committee member</i> " and substitute with " <i>county government.</i> "	(2)The Board shall consult and collaborate with the county executive committee member in the development, promotion and regulation of the extension services in the respective counties.	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It broadens the duty to consult with the county government, ensuring institutional engagement rather than reliance on one individual.
	(c) Insert the following new		No rationale provided.	Accept

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	clause immediately after Clause 14— <i>Powers of the Board</i> <i>14A. (1) The Board shall have all powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act.</i> <i>(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board has power to—</i> <i>(a) control, supervise and administer the assets of the Board in such manner as best promotes the purposes for which the Board is established;</i> <i>(b) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for reserves of the Board;</i> <i>(c) receive any grants,</i>			The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The addition of Clause 14A ensures the Board has the legal authority to execute its functions, avoiding gaps between mandate and capacity.

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	<i>gifts, donations or endowments and make legitimate disbursements therefrom;</i> <i>(d) enter into association with other bodies or organizations within or outside Kenya as it may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Board is established;</i> <i>(e) open a banking account or bank accounts for the funds of the Board; and</i> <i>(f) invest any of its funds not immediately required in a manner and purpose provided in the Act.</i>			
16. Delegation by the Board.	(a) Number the existing clause as subclause (1).	16. The Board may, by resolution either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any committee,		• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal, since

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		member, officer, employee or agent of the Board, the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions of the Board under this Act or under any other written law.		numbering is necessary to accommodate the new subclause.
	(b) Insert the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1)— (2) A delegation under this section— (a) shall be subject to any conditions as the Board may impose; (b) shall not divest the Board of the responsibility concerning the exercise of its powers or the performance of the duties delegated to it; and (c) may be withdrawn, and		No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It introduces essential safeguards to the delegation framework by ensuring that any delegation is subject to conditions imposed by the Board, does not absolve the Board of its ultimate responsibility, and can be withdrawn or varied at any time.

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	any decision made by the person to whom the delegation is made may be withdrawn or varied by the Board.			
19. Functions of the chief executive officer.	(a) Delete paragraph (a) and substitute with— (a) be responsible for the accounts of the Board and the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Board;	19. The chief executive officer shall be the secretary to the Board and shall, subject to the direction of the Board— (a) be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Board;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the chief executive officer's mandate by explicitly adding responsibility for the accounts of the Board alongside day to day management of its affairs.
	(b) In paragraph (c), insert the words "the head of secretariat and" immediately after the word "be."	(c) be responsible for the management of the staff of the Board;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It clarifies that the chief executive

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				officer is both the head of the secretariat and responsible for staff management, without altering the substantive meaning of the provision.
20. Removal of the chief executive officer.	(a) Insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c)— <i>(ca) is incompetent or neglects duty;</i>	20. The chief executive officer shall cease to hold office if that person— (c) is found liable for gross misconduct or abuse of office in contravention of any written law;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. The grounds of “incompetence or neglect of duty” could be proven since CEOs have performance contracts with the board.
	(b) Insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (e)—	(e) is unable to perform the functions of office by reason of mental or physical infirmity;	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the

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	<i>(ea) any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of appointment.</i>			proposal. This catch all provision ensures that removal is not limited to enumerated grounds but can also cover contractual or appointment specific obligations.
	(c) Delete paragraph (f).	(f) dies.	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Death is not a removal ground but rather a natural cessation of office. Removal implies an active process.
26. Role of county governments.	(a) In subclause (2): Delete the words " <i>county executive committee member</i> " and substitute with " <i>county government.</i> "	(2) Each county executive committee member shall, in ensuring that the county government fulfils its obligations under subsection (1) –	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. Subsection (1) anchors obligations in

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				the county government as an institution, while subsection (2) assigns specific responsibilities to the county executive committee member to ensure those obligations are fulfilled.
27. Recruitment of extension services officers.	(a) Delete subclause (2) and substitute with— <i>(2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection (1), the county government shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed to devolved units and the resolution centres.</i>	(2) In recruiting the extension services officers under subsection(1), the county service board shall ensure that sufficient officers are recruited and deployed at the grassroot level.	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. This is to ensure that county governments can be held liable if they fail to ensure that sufficient officers are recruited.
30. Register of extension services providers.	(a) In subclause (1): Delete the words " <i>county executive committee</i> "	30. (1) Each county executive committee member shall keep and maintain a register of —	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The County

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	<i>member</i> ” and substitute with “ <i>county government</i> . ”	(a) extension service officers registered in the respective county; and (b) private entities providing extension services in the respective county.		Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Agriculture is the designated executive authority under the County Governments and should retain responsibility in order to ensure direct accountability if the register is not maintained.
	(b) In subclause (2): (i) Delete the words “ <i>county executive committee member</i> ” appearing in paragraph (iv) and substitute with “ <i>county government</i> . ”	(2) The register under subsection (1) shall include the following— (a) in the case of an extension service officer- ... (iv) qualifications; (vi) such other information as the county executive committee member shall prescribe in county legislation.	• No rationale provided.	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. County legislations are made by county assemblies.

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	(ii) Insert a new subparagraph immediately after subparagraph (iv)— <i>(v) the geographical scope that the extension service can competently cover.</i>		No rationale provided.	Should be (vii) check the above list. Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. Adding geographical scope ensures the register reflects not only qualifications but also the area of competence an officer can realistically serve.
	(c) In subclause (3): Delete the words “<i>county executive committee member</i>” and substitute with “<i>county government.</i>”	(3) The County executive committee member shall designate a public officer within the county public service as a registrar to keep and maintain the register under subsection (1).	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. Retaining the role of the CECM ensures clear accountability at county level, consistent with the Cabinet Secretary’s designation of powers nationally.

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31. Publicizing extension services.	(a) In subclause (1) — (i) Delete the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the opening statement and substituting with the words “county government”.	31. (1) Each county executive committee member shall publish on a website maintained by the county government and on such other platform as the committee member may consider appropriate, information on the — (a) extension services available in the county; and (b) extension services officers delivering the services within the county.	No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The original text correctly assigns the duty to a specific officeholder, who can be held accountable if they fail to publish.
	(ii) Insert the following paragraph immediately after paragraph (b) <i>(c) position of functional technology and data centres</i>		No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It enhances transparency by informing stakeholders where technology and data centres are situated.

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	(b) In subclause (2) — (i) Insert the words “as per the tallies of the data centres” immediately after the word “county” in paragraph (a);	(2) The information published under subsection (1) shall include- (a) emerging pest and diseases that may affect crops and livestock in the county; (b) the major challenges faced by farmers and the action required to prevent or mitigate such challenges; (c) the preventive and curative measures available to the farmers; (d) information about resources available to support farmers within the County; and (e) such other information relating to extension services that the county executive committee member may consider	• No rationale provided.	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It strengthens the provision by grounding information in verifiable data.

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		necessary.		
	(ii) Delete the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the opening statement and substituting therefor the words “county government” in paragraph (e).		No rationale provided.	Reject The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The original text correctly assigns discretion to a specific officeholder.
New Part IVA	(a) Insert immediately after Clause 31: Part IVA — National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre 31A. Establishment of the National Agricultural Extension Services Data Centre (1) There is established a Data Centre to be known as		Inclusion of the use of technology to centralize all data on extension service for dissemination.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It establishes a centralized Data Centre to store, process, and disseminate agricultural information, strengthening research–extension–farmer linkages and enhancing transparency and efficiency.

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	the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Services Data Centre. (2) The Centre shall serve as a centralized digital storage in which information on agricultural extension services is stored. (3) The Centre shall contain agricultural information and data for use in extension services research from— (a) Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation; (b) universities; (c) agricultural research institutes; (d) agricultural professionals; (e) farmer organizations; (f) international agricultural research			

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	organisations; and (g) any other relevant organization. (4) The Centre shall be easily accessible and user-friendly. 31B. Functions of the Data Centre The Centre shall— (a) receive, analyse, process and sort out agricultural challenges relayed by farmers through diagnostic processes with a view to proposing solutions; (b) promote scientific and technological advancements by highlighting on the available improved agricultural varieties and technologies; (c) store agricultural			

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	research data; (d) evaluate the results and effectiveness of agricultural research on extension planning and information sharing; (e) establish extension planning and information sharing platforms; (f) test promising technologies from research on the farmers' fields and promote relevant ones for mass adoption; (g) strengthen the agricultural research-extension-farmer linkage; (h) design and supervise on-farm adaptive research trials; (i) inform better focused research through development of appropriate up-to-date technologies			

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	and innovations oriented to farmers' needs; (j) enable the synchronized processing of agricultural data and information; and (k) facilitate co-ordination and partnership among agencies involved in agricultural information and data generation. 31C. Administration of the Data Centre (1) The Centre shall be administered by the Service. (2) The Service shall establish a digital platform for data storage. (3) The Service shall ensure maintenance of the integrity and security of the Center. 31D. Registration of Users (1) All county			

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	governments shall be users of the Centre. (2) Any person or entity may apply to the Centre through the Service for registration as a user of the Centre. (3) An application under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form. (4) The Service shall— (a) issue a notification of registration to a registered user of the Centre; and (b) maintain an electronic register of the registered users of the Centre. (5) The Service may— (a) reject an application under this section where a person fails to meet the conditions specified in the Regulations or any other law; and (b) deregister a person registered under this			

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	section, where the person— (i) contravenes the conditions specified in the Regulations made under this Act or any other law; or (ii) is convicted of an offence under this Act or any other relevant law relating to improper access to or interference with the Centre.			
New Part IVB	(a) Insert the following new Part immediately after Part IVA— 31E. Establishment of the Agricultural Diagnostic Centre (1) Each county government shall establish an Agriculture and Livestock Diagnostic Centre.		• Inclusion of the use of technology to centralize all data on extension service for dissemination.	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It requires each county to establish a Diagnostic Centre to diagnose farming problems, relay them to data banks, simplify solutions, and act as a link between farmers, extension officers, and research institutions.

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	(2) The diagnostic centre shall serve as the primary agricultural extension services diagnostic center. (3) The diagnostic centre shall be funded by the county government. 31F. Functions of the Diagnostic Centre The functions of the diagnostic centre are to— (a) diagnose prevailing farming problems in the county; (b) relay the diagnosed farming problems to the data centre to obtain appropriate solutions; (c) simplify complex problems and provide solutions for use by farmers and other value chain actors; (d) act as a link between			

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	farmers, extension service providers and the data centre; (e) empower farmers to access and utilize agricultural extension services; (f) promote farmer groups and high-level farmer organizations to develop capacity to manage farming enterprises; (g) support the private sector to develop capacity for delivery of agricultural extension services; (h) foster farmer education; (i) promote scientific and technological advancements in agricultural extension services; (j) provide essential public services through consultations and online			

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	support, aimed at enhancing farmers' capabilities; (k) receive request for information and data on abnormal occurrences for solutions; (l) interpret farmers' requests and relay solutions; (m) act as a link between the national, regional and international research generating centres; and (n) carry out such other functions as may be conferred upon by any law. 31G. Administration of the Diagnostic Centre (1) The Diagnostic Centre shall be administered by the Registrar. (2) The Registrar shall coordinate and collaborate				

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	with extension services officers in the delivery of the Center's services.			
33. Annual estimates.	(a) In subclause (3) delete the words <i>"National Assembly and Senate"</i> and substituting therefor the word <i>"Parliament"</i> .	(3) The annual estimates prepared by the Board under subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for tabling in the National Assembly and the Senate.	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to reject the proposal. The committee preferred to maintain the wording National Assembly and Senate considering the interpretation challenges that have existed before where stakeholders consider Parliament to be National Assembly.
35. Annual report and publication.	(a) In subclause (1) insert the words <i>"but not more than six months"</i> immediately after the word <i>"approve"</i> .	35. (1) The Board shall, within a period of three months after the end of each financial year or within such longer period as the Cabinet Secretary	No rationale provided.	Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It provides statutory timelines on

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		may approve, submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the Board during such year, and the annual balance sheet and such other statements of account as the Cabinet Secretary shall require, together with the Auditor-General's report.		extensions, ensuring accountability and timely reporting.
37. County specific legislation.	(a) Delete clause 37 and substitute with— <i>37. A county government may make county specific legislations on extension services so long as they are not in conflict with this Act or any regulations made under this Act.</i>	37. Each county government may enact county specific legislation setting out – (a) the criteria for the registration of extension services providers within the respective county; (b) criteria for the issuance of a licence to an applicant within the respective county; (c) information required to be submitted by an	• Allow counties to make county specific legislations without limiting the counties on what to legislate on.	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It empowers counties to enact legislation tailored to local realities while maintaining national consistency.

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		applicant for registration or issuance of a licence; (d) process of determination of an application for registration or issuance of a licence; (e) the conditions for the issuance or renewal of a licence under this Act; (f) the grounds for the rejection of an application or cancellation of a licence issued under this Act; and (g) process of application for the renewal of registration and de-registration.		
39. Regulations.	(a) In subclause (2) delete paragraph (d) and substitute with— <i>(d) guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service officers.</i>	(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe the minimum standards with regard to the — ...	• Allow the Cabinet Secretary to make guidelines on fees chargeable by extension service and not remuneration of extension service	• Accept The Committee resolved to accept the proposal. It allows the Cabinet Secretary to prescribe guidelines on fees chargeable by

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		(d) remuneration of extension services officers.	officers. The guidelines are to cushion farmers who procure the services of independent entities registered by the counties.	extension service officers, cushioning farmers who procure services from independent entities.

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6. The committee to recommend to the Senate to reject the National Assembly amendments relating to:
 - (i) clause 4(4), 5(1)&(3), 30(1)(2)&(3), and 31; and
 - (ii) new paragraph (aa) in clause 8 (1).