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Farm and Ranch Land Protection Flexibility Act of 2006

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 6000	Related bill	Aug 7, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research.

Farm and Ranch Land Protection Flexibility Act of 2006 - Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to revise the farmland protection program.

Includes as eligible program land woodlots, wooded corners, and forested riparian areas that comprise up to 50% of the offered acreage.

Defines: (1) "permanent conservation easement"; and (2) "qualified state or local entity."

Gives priority to farm and ranchland: (1) with prime, unique, or other productive soils at risk of nonagricultural development; (2) that will stay in production agriculture; (3) in rural communities that face intense conversion pressure; (4) in areas that have locally-led land-use planning and zoning strategies; and (5) in watersheds that would benefit most from the protection of farm and ranch resources.

Provides for: (1) grants to eligible state or local entities to purchase permanent conservation easements; and (2) grant agreements with eligible state or local entities to purchase conservation easements using a combination of their own funds and grant funds.

Sets forth matching grant and performance standard provisions.

Actions Timeline

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