

## S 1673

Safeguarding American Agriculture Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Oct 6, 2011

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 553.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 553. (Nov 26, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1673>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 18, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 26, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Safeguarding American Agriculture Act of 2012 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) (Secretary), through the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), to: (1) identify career paths for agriculture specialists, including identifying the education, training, experience, and assignments necessary for CBP career progression; (2) publish information on such career paths; (3) develop a plan to improve agriculture specialist recruitment and retention; and (4) determine equipment and other resource needs.

Authorizes the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an interagency rotation program.

Directs the Secretary, through the Commissioner, to report to Congress regarding: (1) the implementation status of the action plans developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-U.S. Customs and Border Protection Joint Task Force on Improved Agriculture Inspection, and (2) any additional legal authority the Secretary determines is necessary to carry out the agriculture inspection mission of DHS.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 26, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 112-240.
- **Nov 26, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 553.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 6, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 6, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6340-6341)
- **Oct 6, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6341-6342)

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