

## S 2155

A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to promote biobased manufacturing.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 5, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 13, 2012
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 26, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 5, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3240	Related bill	<b>Aug 28, 2012:</b> By Senator Stabenow from Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/02/2012. Report No. 112-203. Additional views filed.

Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include facilities that convert renewable biomass into renewable chemicals in the definitions of "biomass conversion facility" and "biorefinery."

Defines "renewable chemical" as a monomer, polymer, plastic, or formulated product produced from renewable biomass.

Amends the biobased markets program to: (1) require federal procuring agencies to issue a certain number of biobased-only contracts; and (2) require the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to designate intermediate ingredients or feedstocks and assembled and finished biobased products in the program guidelines; (3) require the Secretary to issue criteria for determining which assembled and finished products may carry the USDA Certified Biobased Product label; (4) require the Secretary to assess the economic impact of the biobased products industry; (5) authorize the Secretary to carry out outreach, education, and promotion activities; and (6) authorize the Secretary to perform audits.

Makes renewable chemicals and biobased product manufacturing eligible for grant and loan guarantee assistance.

Eliminates feedstocks research, development, and demonstration activities from the Biomass Research and Development Initiative.

### **Actions Timeline**

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