

HR 1061

Farm to School Act of 2015

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Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2015
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Dec 1, 2015
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Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Dec 1, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5003	Related bill	Dec 8, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 665.
114 S 3136	Related bill	Jul 6, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 547.
114 S 569	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1120-1121; text of measure as introduced: CR S1121)

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2015)

Farm to School Act of 2015

This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to reauthorize the Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Farm to School Program through FY2021 and modify the program. The program currently provides grants and technical assistance to schools, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers, and nonprofit entities to improve access to local foods in schools.

The bill makes schools participating in the Summer Food Service Program for children, the early care and afterschool portions of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the School Breakfast Program eligible to participate in the program. It also permits USDA to provide land-grant colleges and universities with grants, research, and technical assistance under the program.

The purposes for grants awarded under the program are expanded to include agricultural literacy and nutrition education. The bill requires USDA to provide technical assistance, research, and information to increase awareness of and participation in farm to school programs among agricultural producers.

In awarding grants, USDA must improve local food procurement and distribution options for agricultural producers and eligible schools. USDA is permitted to fund projects that include innovative approaches to aggregation, processing, transportation, and distribution.

The bill establishes new limitations on the amount and duration of grants.

The bill also establishes reporting requirements and limits funds that may be used for administrative costs.

Actions Timeline

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