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United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2051	Related bill	Feb 8, 2016: By Senator Roberts from Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry filed written report. Report No. 114-206.

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This bill reauthorizes and amends provisions of the United States Grain Standards Act. The Act authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish official marketing standards for grains, and to provide procedures for grain inspection and weighing. The bill reauthorizes several expiring provisions, establishes procedures in the event of an interruption of inspection and weighing services, revises the process for delegating inspections to state agencies, and revises fees for inspection and weighing services.

The bill provides that transfers of grain into an export elevator by any mode of transportation are not required to be officially weighed. In the case of a disruption in official grain inspection or weighing services, the bill requires USDA to immediately take the actions necessary to address the disruption and resume services.

The bill ends the permanent delegation to state agencies to carry out export inspection and weighing services. Every five years, USDA must certify that each state agency with a delegation of authority is meeting specified criteria.

In order to review the performance of states, local agencies, and individuals that have applied to perform official inspections other than at export port locations, USDA must periodically consult with customers of the applicant.

The bill extends the duration of licenses for inspectors from three to five years. Designations of official agencies terminate at a time specified by USDA that is no later than every five years.

The bill changes the fee calculation for inspection and weighing services and extends the authority to collect fees through FY2020.

The bill extends the limitation on total administrative and supervisory costs, the authorization of appropriations, and the authorization of the advisory committee through FY2020.

USDA must report to Congress on the disruption in federal inspection of grain exports at the Port of Vancouver and policy barriers to grain producers.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 21, 2015:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Roberts. Without written report.
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