

HR 2088

United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Apr 29, 2015
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Apr 29, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Reported By	May 29, 2015
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015

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 through FY2020, provides a safeguard mechanism in the event of an interruption of inspection services, revises the process for delegating inspections to state agencies, and revises fees for inspection and weighing services.

(Sec. 2) The bill amends the purposes of the Act to include: promoting the marketing of high quality grain responsive to the purchase specifications of domestic and foreign buyers; and providing an accurate, reliable, consistently available, and cost-effective official grain inspection and weighing system.

The bill revises USDA's discretionary authority to waive weighing and inspection requirements in emergency circumstances to require a waiver in an emergency or major disaster. Transfers of grain into an export elevator by any mode of transportation are not required to be officially weighed.

The bill ends the permanent delegation to state agencies to carry out export inspection and weighing services. USDA must review current delegations, provide public notice and a comment period, establish an application process, and require states to reapply for delegated status after five years.

Official inspection services must be provided in an uninterrupted manner except in the case of a major disaster. In the event of a disruption, the bill sets forth procedures and requirements for resuming official inspection and weighing services.

USDA may waive the geographic boundaries for designated agencies if adjacent agencies have agreed to waive the boundaries.

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

The duration of licenses for inspectors is extended from three to five years, and the qualifications for inspectors are revised.

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

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 10, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Mr. Conaway moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3926-3929)
- **Jun 9, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2088.
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3926-3928)
- **Jun 9, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3926-3928)
- **Jun 9, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 29, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 114-133.
- **May 29, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 96.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.