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SOIL Stewardship Act

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Agriculture and Food
Introduced: May 17, 2018
Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (May 17, 2018)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 17, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5188	Related bill	**Mar 6, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Summary (as of May 17, 2018)

Strengthening Our Investment in Land Stewardship Act or the SOIL Stewardship Act

This bill amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to reauthorize and modify Department of Agriculture conservation programs, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program.

The bill addresses requirements for the programs relating to:

- enrollment and funding levels,
- the length and renewal process for contracts,
- payment rates,
- payment limitations,
- coordinating the application and enrollment processes for the two programs,
- set-asides and the enrollment process for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers,
- soil health and carbon storage, and
- organic production.

Actions Timeline

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