

## HR 3646

Water Quality Conservation Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

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Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 1, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Water Quality Conservation Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to carry out a precision conservation pilot program to provide grants to up to 10 states to assist producers with projects that: increase nutrient retention in soil, reduce soil erosion, reduce nutrient loss from soil, improve soil health, and improve water quality.

States that receive grants under the program must use the funds only to: educate and recruit agricultural producers to participate in the program, provide technical and financial assistance to producers that elect to participate in the program, monitor and analyze the effectiveness of precision conservation plans, and encourage the use of precision agriculture technology to achieve conservation benefits.

States that receive grants must submit to USDA and producers reports regarding the effectiveness of the conservation plans and grants. USDA must use the data to establish and maintain a publicly available soil nutrient retention database.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.