

HR 5208

Seeds for the Future Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 28, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2964	Related bill	May 24, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill amends the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act to require the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure that at least \$50 million of USDA grant funding is used each year for competitive research grants that support the development of public cultivars.

A "cultivar" is a variety of plant that has been intentionally selected for use in cultivation because of its improved characteristics. A "public cultivar" is the commercially available uniform end product of a publicly funded breeding program that has been sufficiently tested to demonstrate improved characteristics and stable performance.

The bill also amends the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish a public cultivar research activities coordinator within USDA to coordinate research activities relating to the breeding of public cultivars.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 28, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.