

## HR 5627

### Farmers CARE Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (Apr 26, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 26, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 26, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 26, 2018
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 9, 2018
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 9, 2018
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		May 9, 2018
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 9, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		May 9, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 26, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4425	Related bill	Nov 16, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## **Farmers Conserving Agricultural Resources through EQIP Act or the Farmers CARE Act**

This bill reauthorizes and modifies the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). (EQIP provides financial and technical assistance for agricultural producers and land owners to implement certain conservation practices.)

The bill expands and modifies the purposes of the program. It also includes modifications that:

- increase payments for certain land management and vegetative practices that result in highly cost-effective treatment of priority resource concerns;
- prohibit payments for large confined animal feeding operations to construct an animal waste management facility or any associated waste transport or transfer device;
- repeal the allocation of funding for practices relating to livestock production;
- increase the allocation of funding for practices relating to improving fish and wildlife habitat;
- specify an allocation of funding for producers who participate in an independent animal welfare certification program;
- add payments for certain practices that promote ground and surface water conservation;
- remove the payment limitation for practices related to organic production;
- add payments for certain conservation practices related to antibiotic use and pasture-based production systems;
- prioritize applications that address priority resource concerns identified by USDA; and
- reduce the limitation on total EQIP payments.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 26, 2018:** Introduced in House
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