

S 740

Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Mar 28, 2017

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. (Mar 28, 2017)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/740>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Jun 19, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 24, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 28, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1752	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Summary (as of Mar 28, 2017)

Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act

This bill prohibits mandatory or compulsory checkoff programs and requires producer participation in the programs to be voluntary at the point of sale. (A checkoff program is a program to promote and provide research and information for a particular agricultural commodity without reference to specific producers or brands. The Department of Agriculture oversees the programs, which are requested and funded by industry.)

Actions Timeline

- Mar 28, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- Mar 28, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.