

## HR 5699

### Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Jan 29, 2020

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (Jan 29, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rigglesman, Denver [R-VA-5]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 29, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5563	Related bill	<b>Jan 9, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
116 S 934	Identical bill	<b>Mar 28, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
116 S 935	Related bill	<b>Mar 28, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### Summary (as of Jan 29, 2020)

#### 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

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- **Jan 29, 2020:** Introduced in House
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