

HR 5861

Agriculture Resilience Act

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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2020
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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 20, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2020
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jul 31, 2020
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Aug 28, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 21, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2020
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2020
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Oct 16, 2020
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Dec 16, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 12, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5607	Related bill	Jan 15, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
116 S 2337	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 3981	Related bill	Jul 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2020)

Agriculture Resilience Act

This bill addresses national greenhouse gas emission reduction efforts in the U.S. agriculture sector, including a national goal to achieve net-zero emissions by the year 2040.

Among other things, the bill

- expands the purposes of federally supported agricultural research, extension, and education to include accelerating the ability of agriculture and the food system of the United States to first achieve net zero carbon emissions and then go further to be carbon positive by removing additional carbon dioxide from the atmosphere;
- requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a national network of regional hubs for risk adaptation and mitigation to climate change;
- creates a soil health grant program for state and tribal governments;
- revises the agricultural conservation easement program to require owners that receive cost-share assistance to have a conservation plan in place that addresses applicable resource concerns for the land subject to the easement, including soil health and greenhouse gas emissions reduction;
- establishes an alternative manure management program to support non-digester dairy and livestock methane management strategies to effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to maximize environmental benefits;
- directs USDA to study dual-use renewable energy systems, including an assessment on the compatibility of different species of livestock and crop types with dual-use renewable energy system designs; and
- provides competitive grants and technical assistance for local educational agencies to implement food waste measurement and reporting, prevention, education, and reduction projects.

Actions Timeline

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