

HR 7554

American Farmers, Food Banks, and Families Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. (Sep 11, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jul 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3970	Identical bill	Jun 16, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish the position of Domestic Agriculture Supply Chain Administrator.

The Administrator must

- carry out activities in the interest of assisting farmers in entering their products into the domestic market;
- act as a liaison to connect farmers with food banks, schools, grocers, restaurants, and nonprofit organizations to expand domestic market access for organizations that are in need of agricultural products;
- identify barriers, either regulatory or legal, that prevent or inhibit farmers from entering their products into the domestic market through food distribution networks or other entities; and
- make recommendations to USDA regarding the means by which to remove such barriers.

Additionally, USDA must establish a catalog or data resource that is capable of recording (1) farms that have excess agricultural products, and (2) food distribution organizations that are in need of certain agricultural products.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E619)
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.