

## S 934

### Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Mar 28, 2019

**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, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/934>

### 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		Mar 28, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Aug 1, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 28, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5699	Identical bill	<b>Jan 29, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
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 Mar 28, 2019)

#### 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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