

S 1251

Growing Climate Solutions Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 10, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 10, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 14, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2820	Related bill	Apr 22, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Growing Climate Solutions Act of 2021

This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a voluntary Greenhouse Gas Technical Assistance Provider and Third-Party Verifier Certification Program to help reduce entry barriers into voluntary environmental credit markets for farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners. A *voluntary environmental credit market* is a market through which agriculture and forestry credits may be bought or sold.

Entities eligible to participate in the program are (1) providers of technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, or private forest landowners in carrying out sustainable land use management practices that prevent, reduce, or mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, or sequester carbon; or (2) third-party verifiers that conduct the verification of the processes described in the protocols for voluntary environmental credit markets.

Among other requirements, USDA must publish (1) a list of protocols and qualifications for eligible entities; (2) information describing how entities may self-certify under the program; (3) information describing how entities may obtain the expertise to meet the protocols and qualifications; and (4) instructions and suggestions to assist farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in facilitating the development of agriculture or forestry credits and accessing voluntary environmental credit markets.

USDA must also establish an advisory council to make recommendations regarding the list of protocols and qualifications, best practices, and voluntary environmental credit markets.

The bill also rescinds certain funds provided in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and makes the funds available for the certification program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4736-4740)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 92 - 8. Record Vote Number: 251.(text: CR S4740-4743)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 92 - 8. Record Vote Number: 251. (text: CR S4740-4743)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Reported by Senator Stabenow without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 74.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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