

S 1016

Agriculture Resilience Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Mar 28, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 28, 2023
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Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 28, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 28, 2023
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 28, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 28, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 28, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 9, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 6, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7076	Related bill	Aug 29, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
118 S 2479	Related bill	Jul 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3525-3526)
118 S 2023	Related bill	Jun 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 HR 3159	Related bill	Jun 1, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
118 S 1778	Related bill	May 31, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 S 1484	Related bill	May 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HR 1840	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, House Administration, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of Mar 28, 2023)

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This bill establishes, expands, and revises multiple programs and activities of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) primarily to reduce carbon emissions from the agriculture sector.

Specifically, USDA must finalize and implement a plan to achieve net-zero emissions from the sector by 2040. USDA must periodically review and revise the plan, as necessary, and annually report on its implementation.

Additionally, the bill expands the scope of various USDA research, extension, and education programs; conservation programs; and livestock programs to incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation. Expanded activities include efforts to improve soil health and preserve farmland and grassland.

Further, the bill changes programs that support renewable energy in rural areas to address carbon emissions in the agriculture sector. Among these changes, the bill provides statutory authority for the AgSTAR program for reducing methane emissions from livestock waste and requires the program to be moved from the Environmental Protection Agency to USDA.

The bill also addresses food waste, for example, by (1) standardizing the voluntary labels used by food producers to indicate the date by which food should be used or discarded, and (2) making composting activities eligible for support through USDA conservation programs. Moreover, the bill establishes grants to reduce and prevent food waste in landfills and in schools.

Actions Timeline

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