

S 1361

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for floodplain easement restoration and management, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Apr 27, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill amends the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program to allow the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide for certain floodplain easement restoration and management activities. The EWP Program offers technical and financial assistance, including the purchase of floodplain easements, to safeguard people and property from floods, drought, fires, windstorms, and other natural disasters that impair a watershed.

Under the bill, USDA may provide financial and technical assistance to restore the adapted vegetative cover and the hydrologic functions and values of wetlands on these purchased floodplain easements. USDA also has the sole discretion to enter into compatible-use agreements with landowners and agreements with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations to address the maintenance and management of the vegetative cover and wetlands restoration measures for these floodplain easements.

Actions Timeline

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