

HR 1455

Plantain and Banana Plant Health Initiative Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Mar 8, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. (Apr 4, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1455>

Sponsor

Name: Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 8, 2023
Rep. De La Cruz, Monica [R-TX-15]	R · TX		May 25, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 4, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Plantain and Banana Plant Health Initiative Act

This bill establishes a research and extension grant program for a plantain and banana plant health initiative.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture to provide competitive grants for

- studying potential resistance and tolerance to nonnative diseases and insect pests;
- increasing research for treatment of pests that affect plantains and bananas;
- conducting field studies to evaluate plantain and banana cultivars with enhanced resistance to diseases and pests, and adaptability to tropical soils;
- educating growers on best practices to promote safe production of plantains and bananas; and
- establishing area-wide integrated pest management programs in areas affected by, or at risk of being affected by, specified pests.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.