

S 1736

Farmers First 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. (May 18, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

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| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR] | R · AR | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME] | R · ME | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA] | R · IA | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS] | R · KS | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] | D · MT | | May 18, 2023 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND] | R · ND | | May 30, 2023 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | May 30, 2023 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] | R · IA | | Jun 7, 2023 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Jun 7, 2023 |
| Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA] | D · PA | | Jun 8, 2023 |
| Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE] | R · NE | | Jun 8, 2023 |
| Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS] | R · KS | | Sep 5, 2023 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Sep 5, 2023 |
| Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND] | R · ND | | Oct 4, 2023 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | D · IL | | Oct 4, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 18, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 118 HR 8467 | Related bill | May 24, 2024: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 21. |
| 118 HR 6379 | Identical bill | Jan 24, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development. |

Summary (as of May 18, 2023)

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This bill extends through FY2028 and revises the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN). This Department of Agriculture program provides competitive grants to states, Indian tribes, and qualified nonprofit organizations to provide stress assistance programs (i.e., professional agricultural behavioral health counseling, helplines, and resources) to individuals engaged in farming, ranching, and agriculture-related occupations.

The bill specifies that the grant funding for farm telephone helplines and websites may also be used for crisis lines.

Further, FRSAN grant recipients may establish referral relationships with providers, including Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, health centers, rural health clinics, and critical access hospitals.

Actions Timeline

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