

S 1740

Community College Agriculture Advancement Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: May 18, 2023

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (May 18, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1740>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]

Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 18, 2023
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 18, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 18, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 18, 2023
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 18, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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 3425	Identical bill	Jun 23, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

## **Community College Agriculture Advancement Act of 2023**

This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make competitive grants to assist eligible entities in maintaining and expanding their capacity to conduct workforce training, education, research, and outreach activities related to agriculture and similar disciplines. An eligible entity includes a junior or community college, or a consortium or alliance of two-year public colleges, supporting agriculture advancement.

In awarding grants, USDA must give priority to entities coordinating with a local agriculture industry operator to provide experiential training and other opportunities for students.

Grant funds may be used to expand and maintain the capacity of the eligible entity, including through the purchase or other acquisition of equipment and other infrastructure, the professional growth and development of faculty, and the development of apprenticeships and other work-based learning opportunities.

An eligible entity may submit to USDA an application for designation and funding as a Center of Excellence for Agriculture Advancement. Funding received as a result of such a designation must be used to demonstrate agriculture best practices and to provide leadership in capacity building at a regional or national level.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **May 18, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 18, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.