

HR 253

Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Fairness Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 949	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Fairness Act

This bill sets out a process to enable Puerto Rico to participate as a state in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under current law, a state receives SNAP funding based on the number of participating households in the state whereas Puerto Rico receives a block grant to fund its nutrition assistance program.

The bill requires Puerto Rico to submit to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) a plan of operation to transition away from the consolidated block grant program to SNAP. USDA must provide appropriate training and technical assistance to enable Puerto Rico to formulate such plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.