

## S 2589

### AG RESEARCH Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Jul 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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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 12, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 14, 2023
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### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4135	Related bill	<b>Jul 28, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

## Summary (as of Jul 27, 2023)

### Augmenting Research and Educational Sites to Ensure Agriculture Remains Cutting-Edge and Helpful Act or the AG RESEARCH Act

This bill provides funding for maintenance at agricultural research facilities.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) must (1) revise its review process for evaluating proposals for agricultural research facilities to include consulting with representatives of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) peer review panels; and (2) establish a grant program within NIFA to provide agricultural research facilities with a federal share of the cost for the construction, alteration, acquisition, modernization, renovation, or remodeling of the research facilities or the equipment necessary for agricultural research.

Additionally, the bill provides funding for the grant program and for USDA to provide direct payments to research facilities of the Agricultural Research Service for addressing deferred maintenance. USDA must give priority to the most critical structures in accordance with the Agricultural Research Service Capital Investment Strategy (April 2012).

## Actions Timeline

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