

S 2704

Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 27, 2023
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 13, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 15, 2023

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 4800	Related bill	Aug 24, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.
118 HR 4127	Related bill	Jul 28, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.

## **Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act of 2023**

This bill waives the adjusted gross income limitations for payments or benefits under specific Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs for a person or legal entity that derives a portion of their income from agriculture. (Currently, a person or entity is not eligible to receive certain benefits during a crop, fiscal, or program year if their average gross income exceeds \$900,000.)

Specifically, in the case of an excepted payment or benefit, the adjusted gross income limitation is waived if 75% or more of the average adjusted gross income for the person or entity is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities. These activities include agritourism, direct-to-consumer marketing of agricultural products, and the sale of agricultural equipment owned by such person or entity.

The bill applies to the USDA

- Livestock Indemnity Program;
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program;
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program;
- Tree Assistance Program; and
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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