

HR 2786

Climate Change Relief for Urban Areas Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture. (May 15, 2023)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2023
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2023
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 20, 2023)

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This bill revises support for urban and community forestry and establishes a program to support rooftop gardens for public elementary and secondary schools.

First, the bill revises provisions under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 that provide assistance for urban and community forestry. Assistance must be prioritized for areas with low tree equity scores which indicate whether there are enough trees in a neighborhood and are based on how the tree canopy and surface temperature of an area align with income, employment, race, age, and health factors of that area.

Second, the bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program that awards grants for rooftop gardens on public elementary and secondary schools. In awarding grants, USDA must prioritize schools in areas with the lowest garden equity scores. The scores must be based on the population density, racial composition, incidence of respiratory illness, number of urban gardens, food sovereignty, and average surface temperature of the areas.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **May 15, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.
- **Apr 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 20, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.