

HR 2942

Conservation Reserve Program Amendments Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. (Jun 1, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-18]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Apr 27, 2023
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 10, 2023
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		May 15, 2023
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-26]	R · FL		May 30, 2023
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Jun 6, 2023
Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jun 9, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1365	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## **Conservation Reserve Program Amendments Act of 2023**

This bill amends the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) of the Farm Service Agency to provide for the enrollment of citrus land in the program. CRP is a land conservation program that provides an annual rental payment to farmers in exchange for removing environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and planting species that will improve environmental health and quality.

Specifically, the bill allows the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to include cropland in the program that is otherwise ineligible if the land has been used to plant a citrus crop during the 10-year period preceding the date of the bill's enactment. USDA must enroll citrus land using existing continuous enrollment procedures.

USDA may give priority to citrus land that is at risk of conversion or development, is of ecological significance, or is affected by huanglongbing (i.e., citrus greening, a bacterial disease spread by an insect that is known as the Asian citrus psyllida and feeds on citrus). The total acreage of citrus land enrolled in the conservation reserve must not exceed 100,000 acres for each of FY2024-FY2028.

Further, the bill excludes citrus land from existing adjusted gross income limitations for payments or benefits under CRP.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.