

## HR 3424

### Forest Conservation Easement Program Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. (Jun 23, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		May 17, 2023
Rep. Ezell, Mike [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jun 6, 2023
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Jun 6, 2023
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jun 9, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jun 9, 2023
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 13, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 13, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 14, 2023
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jun 30, 2023
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Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 18, 2023
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 20, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2631	Related bill	<b>Jul 27, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## Summary (as of May 17, 2023)

### Forest Conservation Easement Program Act of 2023

This bill replaces the Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) with a new forest conservation easement program. Both the HFRP and the new program provide for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to purchase easements on private land for forest conservation purposes.

Under the new program, USDA must provide cost-share assistance to states, local governments, Indian tribes, or certain organizations for their purchase of forest conservation easements.

The bill also sets aside program funding to purchase easements from certain classes of landowner, including beginning forest landowners, socially disadvantaged forest landowners, and veteran forest landowners.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 23, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **May 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.