

HR 4559

Food Worker Pay Standards Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jul 11, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. (Aug 24, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35] | D · TX | | Jul 11, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 24, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 4978 | Related bill | Sep 26, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. |
| 118 S 2601 | Related bill | Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of Jul 11, 2023)

Food Worker Pay Standards Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Agriculture from purchasing any meat, meat food product, poultry, poultry food product, or processed food produced by workers in the United States who are compensated at a rate lower than the prevailing rate for wages and fringe benefits for such workers in their locality.

The Department of Labor must determine the prevailing rates and in determining such rates shall take into account any applicable existing collective bargaining agreements in the locality. A prevailing rate established pursuant to this bill must not supersede a worker's wages and benefits agreed to in a collective bargaining agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.