

## HR 5043

### Healthy Soils Healthy Climate Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Jul 27, 2023

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. (Sep 19, 2023)

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Aug 22, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 19, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2588	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## **Healthy Soils Healthy Climate Act of 2023**

This bill modifies the Environmental Quality Incentives Program of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide permanent incentive payments to producers to adopt practices designed to increase organic carbon levels in soil.

USDA must

- conduct a study regarding changes in soil health and soil organic carbon levels as a result of the adopted practices;
- develop ranking and scoring criteria under the program that prioritize soil health practices that score highest in soil carbon sequestration on eligible land;
- create a soil organic carbon conservation activity plan under the program to measure and monitor sequestration and mitigation improvement levels from the practices;
- provide for streamlined and coordinated procedures for the program and the Conservation Stewardship Program, including for contracting, conservation planning, conservation practices, and related administrative procedures; and
- establish a program to provide grants to land-grant colleges and universities to conduct research relating to soil health and carbon science and to conduct research relating to soil health and carbon science at its agricultural research stations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.