

HR 5186

Voluntary Public Access Improvement Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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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. (Sep 25, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1161	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 and increases funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program. This Natural Resources Conservation Service program provides state and tribal governments competitive grants to encourage owners and operators of privately-held land (i.e., farm, ranch, and forest land) to allow public access for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Aug 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 11, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.