

HR 5252

EQIP 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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Party: Democratic • State: CT • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2023

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 658	Identical bill	Mar 6, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## **EQIP Improvement Act of 2023**

This bill amends the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to reduce and remove certain payment requirements. (EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest landowners to address natural resource concerns.)

Specifically, the bill

- reduces the maximum payments available to a person or legal entity under EQIP to \$150,000 per five-year period (from the current level of \$450,000), thereby allowing for an increase in the overall number of participants in the program;
- reduces federal cost sharing to 40% (from 75%) for the costs associated with planning, installation, or maintenance for specified conservation practices (e.g., access roads, dams, and waste storage facilities); and
- removes a requirement that 50% of EQIP funding payments go to livestock production programs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Aug 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 22, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.