

HR 5257

To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to enhance the long-term protection of watersheds, and for other purposes.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Aug 22, 2023

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

Name: Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jonathan L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Sep 18, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Sep 18, 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

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 22, 2023)

This bill amends the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program to allow the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide for certain restoration activities. The EWP Program offers technical and financial assistance, including the purchase of floodplain easements, to safeguard people and property from floods, drought, fires, windstorms, and other natural disasters that impair a watershed.

Under the bill, USDA may allow restoration above pre-disaster conditions if that restoration is in the best interest of the long-term health and protection of the watershed.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.
- **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.

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