

HR 5657

NO TIME TO Waste Act

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2889	Related bill	Sep 21, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

New Opportunities for Technological Innovation, Mitigation, and Education To Overcome Waste Act or the NO TIME TO Waste Act

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to take several actions to reduce U.S. food loss and waste (FLW).

Under the bill, *food loss* means the food that does not reach a consumer as a result of an issue in the production, storage, processing, or distribution phase. *Food waste* means that food intended for human consumption is unconsumed for any reason at the retail or consumption phase.

The bill requires USDA to collaborate with the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a December, 17, 2020, agreement to coordinate federal efforts to cut FLW.

Further, USDA must establish an Office of Food Loss and Waste to support the existing role of the Food Loss and Waste Liaison. The office must also, among other things, establish

- a grant program to support collecting data on existing state and local FLW policies (and the office must use the data to establish model policies for state and local governments);
- a block grant program for states and Indian tribes to develop and support food recovery infrastructure and innovative food distribution models; and
- a grant program to incentivize state, municipal, local, and tribal governments to establish public-private partnerships that commit to reducing FLW by 50% by 2030.

The Office of Food Loss and Waste must also initiate a national FLW education and public awareness campaign.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 11, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.
- **Sep 21, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 21, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.