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United States Foundation for International Conservation Act of 2024

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2023
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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 20, 2024
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Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 17, 2024
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 23, 2024
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 11, 2024
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 20, 2024
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 11, 2024
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 23, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 7, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5009	Related bill	Dec 23, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-159.
118 HR 6727	Related bill	Mar 21, 2024: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 42 - 7.
118 HR 1298	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2023)

United States Foundation for International Conservation Act of 2023

This bill requires the Department of State to establish the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation as a tax-exempt organization to promote international conservation efforts, including by providing grants for eligible projects.

The foundation shall fund projects that support effective area-based conservation measures and the long-term management of protected or conserved areas and their contiguous buffer zones. Such areas include terrestrial, coastal, and marine-protected or conserved parks, conservancies, and reserves. Projects must be cost-matched from sources other than the U.S. government.

Project grants shall focus on countries that (1) have low-income, lower middle-income, or upper-middle-income economies; (2) have a high degree of biological diversity or important species or ecosystems; and (3) have demonstrated a commitment to conservation through their actions.

The foundation may not provide support for any government, or any entity owned or controlled by a government, that has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism or has engaged in a consistent pattern of gross human rights violations. Additionally, the foundation may not engage in any dealings prohibited under U.S. sanctions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 7, 2024:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Cardin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 7, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 368.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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