

## HR 945

Strengthening Local Processing Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Apr 13, 2023
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Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Mar 26, 2024
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 354	Identical bill	Feb 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text: CR S317-319)

## **Strengthening Local Processing Act of 2023**

This bill revises provisions related to meat and poultry processing establishments, including smaller establishments (i.e., at least 10 but fewer than 500 employees) and very small establishments (i.e., fewer than 10 employees or annual sales of less than \$2.5 million).

For example, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) must establish a searchable database of peer-reviewed validation studies for use in developing Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plans for smaller and very small establishments.

The bill increases the maximum federal cost share from 50% to 65% that USDA may provide to assist states in creating meat and poultry inspection programs.

Additionally, USDA must conduct outreach with states that have meat and poultry inspection programs, but that do not have Cooperative Interstate Shipment programs. The Cooperative Interstate Shipment program allows state-inspected facilities to operate as federally-inspected facilities and ship their products in interstate commerce and internationally.

USDA must also award competitive grants for activities to increase resiliency and diversification of the meat processing system, including activities that support (1) the health and safety of meat and poultry plant employees, suppliers, and customers; (2) increased processing capacity; and (3) the resilience of the small meat and poultry processing sector.

Further, the bill establishes grant programs to (1) establish or expand meat and poultry processing career training programs at community colleges, vocational schools, nonprofit organizations, worker training centers, and universities; and (2) support smaller and very small establishments by offsetting the cost of training new meat and poultry processors.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.