

HR 1565

Voluntary Public Access Improvement Act of 2025

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit. (Mar 28, 2025)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 28, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 704	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Voluntary Public Access Improvement Act of 2025

This bill reauthorizes through FY2029 and increases funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). This Natural Resources Conservation Service program provides state and tribal governments competitive grants to encourage owners and operators of privately-held land (i.e., farm, ranch, and forest land) to allow public access for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation.

The bill also reauthorizes through FY2029 VPA-HIP funding to encourage public access to land covered by wetland reserve easements through agreements with states and tribal governments.

Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 25, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

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