

HR 5781

MATCH Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Oct 17, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology. (Dec 2, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8] | D · CA | | Oct 17, 2025 |
| Rep. Maloy, Celeste [R-UT-2] | R · UT | | Oct 17, 2025 |
| Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3] | D · MI | | Apr 30, 2026 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred To | Oct 17, 2025 |
| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 2, 2025 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 119 S 1107 | Identical bill | Mar 25, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. |

Making Access To Cleanup Happen Act of 2025 or the MATCH Act of 2025

This bill modifies the Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program to allow sponsors (i.e., states, local governments, and Indian tribes) to undertake certain emergency watershed protection measures prior to entering into a project agreement with USDA and count the costs as part of the sponsor's share of the project cost once an agreement with USDA is in place.

As background, USDA's EWP Program offers assistance to sponsors to carry out projects that help safeguard people and property from floods, drought, fires, windstorms, and other natural disasters that impair a watershed.

This bill requires USDA to identify a list of emergency watershed protection measures that a sponsor may incur costs for prior to entering into a project agreement with USDA under the EWP Program. USDA must develop a procedure, to be implemented at the state level, through which these entities may request additional emergency watershed protection measures. The cost of undertaking these additional measures may be incurred by a sponsor prior to entering into an agreement with USDA.

Further, USDA must consider pre-agreement costs incurred by a sponsor for undertaking the emergency watershed protection measures as meeting part of a sponsor's contribution towards the project costs.

Actions Timeline

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