

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to  
reauthorize the position of Farmworker Coordinator.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MARKEY, Mr.  
BOOKER, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read  
twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Act of 1994 to reauthorize the position of Farmworker  
Coordinator.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Voice for Farm Work-  
5       ers Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FARMWORKER COORDINATOR.**

7       Section 226B(f) of the Department of Agriculture  
8       Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934(f)) is amend-  
9       ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or-  
3 ganizations” and inserting “organizations, insti-  
4 tutions of higher education, and local edu-  
5 cational agencies”;

6 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking “in-  
7 stitutions on research, program improvements,  
8 or agricultural education opportunities” and in-  
9 serting “institutions or community-based non-  
10 profit organizations on research, program im-  
11 provements, agricultural education opportuni-  
12 ties, or technical skills and job training pro-  
13 grams”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(G) Assessing the effectiveness with re-  
16 spect to farmworkers of Department outreach  
17 programs.

18 “(H) Developing and implementing a plan  
19 to coordinate outreach activities and services  
20 provided by the Department with respect to  
21 farmworkers.

22 “(I) Collaborating with and providing  
23 input on programmatic and policy decisions re-  
24 lating to farmworkers to the agencies and of-  
25 fices of the Department, including—

1 “(i) the Farm Service Agency;

2 “(ii) the Natural Resources Conserva-  
3 tion Service;

4 “(iii) the rural development mission  
5 area;

6 “(iv) the National Institute of Food  
7 and Agriculture;

8 “(v) the Food and Nutrition Service;

9 “(vi) the Agricultural Marketing Serv-  
10 ice;

11 “(vii) the Forest Service;

12 “(viii) the National Agricultural Sta-  
13 tistics Service; and

14 “(ix) any other agency or office that  
15 the Coordinator determines to be appro-  
16 priate.

17 “(J) Communicating to employers of farm-  
18 workers, and publicizing on the website of the  
19 Department, information about Federal pro-  
20 grams for which the employees of those employ-  
21 ers may be eligible.

22 “(K) Identifying research priorities and  
23 evaluating programs to strengthen workforce  
24 stability, agricultural productivity, and rural  
25 economic resilience to inform the research ac-

1           tivities of the Department relating to farm-  
2           workers.

3           “(L) Measuring and analyzing outcomes of  
4           the programs and activities of the Department  
5           on farmworkers.

6           “(M) Recommending new initiatives and  
7           programs to the Secretary.

8           “(N) Carrying out any other related duties  
9           that the Secretary determines to be appro-  
10          priate.”;

11          (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
12          graph (4);

13          (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
14          lowing:

15          “(3) STAFF.—The Secretary, acting through  
16          the Coordinator, shall employ such staff as the Sec-  
17          retary determines necessary to carry out the duties  
18          described in paragraph (2).”; and

19          (4) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), in  
20          subparagraph (B), by striking “2023” and inserting  
21          “2031”.