



**2024 FARM BILL MARKER BILL TRACKER**  
*As of June 12, 2024*

The Native Farm Bill Coalition (NFBC) has published more than 150 priorities in its report entitled, "[Gaining Ground: A Report on the 2018 Farm Bill Successes for Indian Country and Opportunities for 2023.](#)" Below is a summary of draft language that has been circulated by Congressional offices and marker bills that have been introduced to-date. The NFBC has provided input or helped draft marker bills noted in the green tracker.

**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARITY**

NFBC PRIORITY	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
<b>Include Tribes in Priority Resource Concerns - <i>PROMOTE PARITY</i></b> The bill amends the definition of "Priority Resource Concerns" to include Tribes.	II	<b><a href="#">S.1998</a>, Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)</li> <li>Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)</li> <li>Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)</li> </ul>	<b><a href="#">H.R. 5503</a>, Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)</li> </ul> <b><i>NOTE: Looking for a Republican Co-Sponsor</i></b>

**TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

NFBC PRIORITY	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
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<p><b>Make the 638 FDPIR Pilot Program Permanent - <i>PROTECT EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>Both the FDPIR Tribal Food Sovereignty Act of 2023 and the ARCTIC Act make the FDPIR demonstration program authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill permanent. <b>NOTE:</b> USDA’s 2023 <a href="#">Equity Action Plan</a> calls for the expansion of tribal self-determination programs at USDA. <i>“Going forward, USDA will support ongoing tribal self-determination demonstration projects for the Food and Nutrition Service and Forest Service, expanding tribal self-determination policies to enable greater self-governance and decision-making.”</i> (P. 37).</p>	<p><b>IV</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2489</a>, FDPIR Tribal Food Sovereignty Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> <li>● Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)</li> </ul> <p><b><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Interested Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expand 638 to Additional Forest Service Function, Service, or Activity (e.g., recreational, visitor centers, trails, boat launches, etc.) - <i>EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The ARCTIC Act expands 638 to any function, service, or activity provided by the U.S. Forest Service.</p>	<p><b>VIII</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Establish USDA Office of Self-Governance - <i>ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p><b>S. 2457</b> establishes an Office of Self-Governance in the Office of the Secretary to provide USDA with the expertise needed to negotiate 638 agreements across all of USDA in a centralized place, instead of spending USDA dollars to contract services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Additionally, the bill requires the Office to prepare a report on lessons learned from the implementation of Self-Governance provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill.</p> <p><b>S. 2354</b> requires the USDA Secretary to report to Congress on its plan to establish an Office of Self-Governance within one year.</p>	<p><b>XII</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2457</a>, A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish an Office of Self-Governance, and for other purposes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Smith, Tina (D-MN)</li> </ul> <p><b><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p><b>NOTE:</b> USDA’s 2022 <a href="#">Equity Action Plan</a> specifically states its intended goal of establishing an office of self-determination. <i>“Tracking Progress, Next 1-2 years: ...Implement and incorporate FDPIR and FS tribal demonstration pilots and resolve identified issues; stabilize a permanent self-determination office...”</i> (P. 20).</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Expand 638 to SNAP through the Enactment of the SNAP Tribal Food Sovereignty Act - ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b> The Tribal Food Sovereignty Act expands 638 to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).</p>	<p><b>IV</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2912</a>, SNAP Tribal Food Sovereignty Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> <li>● Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R. 5790</a>, SNAP Tribal Food Sovereignty Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)</li> <li>● Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expand 638 to FSIS Inspections - ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b> The PRIME for Meat Processing Act and the ARCTIC Act expands 638 to Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) to allow Tribal governments to inspect beef, bison, chicken, fish, seafood, and other products put into their food programs.</p>	<p><b>XII</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.1780</a>, PRIME Meat Processing in Indian Country Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)</li> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> <li>● Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> <li>● Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)</li> </ul> <p><b><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

<p><b>Expand 638 to NRCS (e.g. EQIP, CRP, etc.) - ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>The ARCTIC Act expands 638 to any function, service, or activity provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).</p>	<p>II</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Establish Demonstration Project Allowing Tribes to Procure Local and Traditional Foods for the Senior Food Box Program (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) - ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>The bill establishes a 638 demonstration project to allow Tribes to procure both local and traditional foods for the elders they serve.</p>	<p>IV</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Draft Language</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R. 8513</a></b>, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a demonstration project to allow Tribal entities to purchase agricultural commodities under the commodity supplemental food program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Establish an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for the Office of Tribal Relations - UPHOLD USDA'S TRUST OBLIGATION TO TRIBES</b></p> <p>The bill elevates the Office of Tribal Relations and establishes an Assistant Secretary position.</p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2709</a>, Strengthening the Office of Tribal Relations Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Heinrich, Martin (D-NM)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R. 5493</a>, Strengthening the Office of Tribal Relations Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Require USDA to Consult with Tribal Governments - UPHOLD USDA'S TRUST OBLIGATION TO TRIBES</b></p> <p>The bill requires USDA to consult with Tribal governments on the annual budget, Farm Bill, and other priorities; streamline applications for economic development programs; and publish a comprehensive repository of economic development programs available to Tribes and Tribal entities. <b>NOTE:</b> Sec. 1 of <a href="#">Executive Order 14112</a> of December 6, 2023 - Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations To Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination specifically calls on</p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.3270</a>, Rural and Tribal Economic Development Improvement Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)</li> <li>Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)</li> <li>Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)</li> <li>Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.5113</a>, Rural and Tribal Economic Development Improvement Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)</li> <li>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)</li> <li>Rep. Nick Langworthy (R-NY)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE: <a href="#">Press release</a> includes quote from the NFBC</b></p>

the need to consult with Tribes on the budget: <i>“Finally, we must, through Tribal consultation, continually improve our understanding of the funding and programmatic needs of Tribal Nations.”</i>			
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### ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS

NFBC PRIORITY	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
<p><b>Allow for the Dual Use of SNAP &amp; FDPIR - REMOVE BARRIER ONLY IMPACTING INDIANS</b></p> <p>The bill removes the statutory prohibition preventing individuals who qualify for both FDPIR and SNAP from using both in the same month. <b>NOTE: This provision will score.</b></p>	<b>IV</b>	<p><a href="#">S.2563</a>, Tribal Access to Nutrition Assistance Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)</li> <li>Sen. Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTES:</b> <a href="#">Press release</a> includes quote from the NFBC; Looking for a Republican Co-Sponsor</p>	N/A
<p><b>Increase the Secretary’s Use of Waivers for FDPIR - IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY</b></p> <p>The bill authorizes the Secretary to waive discretionary regulatory and statutory requirements for FDPIR, including domestic commodity requirements.</p>	<b>IV</b>	<p><a href="#">S.2540</a>, Tribal Nutrition Flexibility Act of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Establish a Pilot Program to Enable ITO Direct Sourcing of Locally Produced Herbs and Spices - ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>The bill establishes a fund to allow Tribal organizations to source traditional locally- and regionally-grown herbs and spices to enhance nutrition education.</p>	<b>IV</b>	<p><a href="#">S.2540</a>, Tribal Nutrition Flexibility Act of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> </ul>	N/A

<p><b>Include More Traditional and Tribally-produced Foods in FDPIR on a Regional Basis - <i>EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill authorizes the USDA Secretary to distribute traditional foods on a regional basis. <b><i>NOTE: We need to ensure that the Secretary can “source” traditional foods on a regional basis as well as “distribute” on a regional basis.</i></b></p>	IV	<p><b><a href="#">S.2540</a>, Tribal Nutrition Flexibility Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Eliminate the FDPIR Matching Requirement - <i>REMOVE BARRIER FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill eliminates the FDPIR matching requirement. Currently, Tribes must provide an 80% match, which can be a barrier to operating the program. <b><i>NOTE: this provision will score.</i></b></p>	IV	<p><b><a href="#">S.2537</a>, Tribal Nutrition Program Administration Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Provide Grants and Loans for Food Distribution in Frontier Communities - <i>ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>Sec. 102 of the ARCTIC Act authorizes the USDA Secretary to establish a new grant and loan program to establish food banks or food pantries in frontier communities. Frontier communities are defined as those located in a noncontiguous state, does not have a food bank or food pantry, and is determined to be Frontier Level 4 in accordance with the most recent version of the Frontier and Remote Communities Code development by the Economic Research Service. Indian Tribes and Indian organizations are considered eligible entities for the purpose of the Program.</p>	IV	<p><b><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Strengthen Local Food Supply Chains in Tribal and State Governments. - <i>EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill would create a permanent grant program for state and tribal governments to procure local foods for distribution to nearby hunger relief programs. It would leverage government procurement and purchasing power to increase access to locally-sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food in underserved communities and help</p>	?	<p><b><a href="#">S.3982</a>, the Expanding Access To (EAT) Local Foods Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)</li> <li>● Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)</li> <li>● Sen. Booker Cory (D-NJ)</li> <li>● Sen. Ron Wyden</li> </ul>	N/A

<p>family farmers, fishermen, and local food producers grow their markets.</p>		<p>(D-OR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Laphonza Butler R. (D-CA)</li> <li>● Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)</li> <li>● Sen. Angus King (I-ME)</li> <li>● Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)</li> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> <li>● Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)</li> <li>● Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)</li> <li>● Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA)</li> <li>● Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)</li> </ul>	
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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NFBC PRIORITY	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
<p><b>Increase Access to GAP Audits - REMOVE BARRIER FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT</b> The bill establishes a grant program to cover the costs of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) audits for Tribal producers.</p>	X	<p><a href="#">Draft Language</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Expand the Buy Indian Act (25 U.S.C. 47) - ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b> Sec. 802 of the ARCTIC Act expands the Buy Indian Act to USDA. <b>NOTE:</b> USDA’s 2022 <a href="#">Equity Action Plan</a> calls on the agency to “review... regulations for expansion of Tribal contracting</p>	XII	<p><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</p>	<p><a href="#">H.R. 8484</a>, a bill to amend the Buy Indian Act to include the Secretary of Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK)</li> </ul>

<p><i>preferences such as Buy Indian Act or Tribal/Native American contracting preferences to USDA.” (P. 17)</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Native Community Navigator Program - INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO USDA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</b> The bill establishes a Native community navigator Program to specifically improve access to USDA programs and services for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian producers by establishing at least 13 Native community navigators throughout the U.S.</p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b>Priority submitted to the Senate Agriculture Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)</li> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Draft Language</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provide Support for Floriculture - PROHIBIT SPENDING ON FLOWERS/GREENS GROWN OUTSIDE THE US</b> Section 701 of the Act prohibits certain agencies from procuring cut flowers or cut greens grown outside the United States. The bill also sets forth requirements for such agencies accepting gifts of cut flowers or cut greens grown outside the United States. Agencies may use funds for the procurement of a cut flower or cut green if the cut flower or cut green is grown on Tribal land.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

### INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

NFBC PRIORITY	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
<p><b>Widespread Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA) Application to all Rural Development Programs - EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b> The bill would implement SUTA provisions across the broad array of Rural Development (RD) loans, loan guarantees, and grants to support Tribal citizens living in remote, rural, isolated communities who are in dire need of RD assistance. The bill ensures SUTA benefits stakeholders in Alaska and Hawaii.</p>	<p>VI</p>	<p>SCIA outreach</p> <p>See page 41 of the <a href="#">NFBC’s Proposed Language</a></p>	<p><b>Working on Finalizing Draft Language</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)</li> </ul>



<p><b>Water Systems for Rural and Native Villages in Alaska - <i>PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR EXISTING AUTHORITY</i></b>          Sec. 803 of the ARCTIC Act amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to require consultation with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.</p>	VI	<p><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Support Broadband Infrastructure Deployment in Indian Country - <i>IMPROVING EXISTING AUTHORITIES TO BUILD CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIAN COUNTRY</i></b></p>	VI	N/A	<p><b>Interested Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase Access to Housing - <i>ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b>          Sec. 301 of the bill establishes a Denali Housing Fund (Fund), authorized at \$5 million per fiscal year, to facilitate construction or rehabilitation of housing to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income families and individuals, or to provide housing for public employees. Indian Tribes are eligible entities for the purpose of the Fund.</p>	VI	<p><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	N/A

### TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

NFBC PRIORITY	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
		<p>Tribal Forest Protection Act Amendments Act of 2024</p>	
<p><b>Recognition of TEK-Based Conservation - <i>PROMOTE PARITY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b>          The bill requires the USDA Secretary to incorporate traditional, ecological, knowledge-based (TEK) to the extent possible for conservation projects located on Tribal lands.</p>	II	<p><a href="#">Draft NFBC Language</a></p> <p><b>Priority submitted to the Senate Agriculture Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Draft Language</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Protect Tribal Seed Cultivators - <i>INCREASE TRIBAL PARTICIPATION</i></b></p> <p>The bill requires Tribal consultation and engagement with Tribal institutions regarding the protection of seeds and other related activities.</p>	X	<p><b><u>S.2023</u>, Seeds and Breeds of the Future Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)</li> <li>Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>NOTE: <u>Press release</u> includes quote from the NFBC</i></b></p>	N/A
<p><b>Allow Lands Held in Common and by Tribal Entities to Access Conservation Programs - <i>REMOVE BARRIER FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill would ensure that lands held in common, such as reservation lands that are controlled and farmed/ranched by groups of individuals, can fully and simply participate in all Conservation Title programs. <b><i>NOTE:</i></b> USDA’s 2022 <a href="#">Equity Action Plan</a> addresses the need to ensure tribal lands are eligible for USDA Programs. <b><i>“Ensure Tribal Lands are Eligible for USDA Programs. There is inconsistency across USDA in how tribal trust lands are classified (as federal lands or not) and treated for purposes of identifying who the “owner” is. The result is the primary manner tribes/Native Americans own land, in trust, is being deemed ineligible.”</i></b> (P. 19).</p>	II	<p><b><u>Draft Language</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Interested Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Enact the Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act - <i>TECHNICAL FIX TO THE 2018 FARM BILL</i></b></p> <p>The bill ensures that Tribes and counties can retain and utilize revenue generated from Good Neighbors Agreement projects.</p>	VIII	<p><b><u>S.697</u>, Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. James Risch (R-ID)</li> <li>Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)</li> <li>Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)</li> <li>Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>H.R.1450</u>, Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-ID)</li> <li>Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA)</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)</li> <li>Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)</li> <li>Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)</li> <li>Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>NOTE: The bill was ordered to be reported by the House Agriculture Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 51 - 0; and ordered to be reported by the House Natural Resources Committee favorably by a roll call vote of 39 to 0.</i></b></p>
<p><b>Transfer USDA Lands to Tribes - <i>ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill would authorize the conveyance of U.S. Forest Service to Tribal governments pursuant to the Small Tracts Act.</p>	XII	<p>SCIA outreach</p> <p>See page 81 of the <a href="#">NFBC's Proposed Language</a></p>	<p><b>Interested Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>NOTE: Proposed language being drafted by ITC and NFBC members</i></b></p>
<p><b>Require Report on Coastal Seaweed Farming - <i>REQUIRE REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>Sec. 504 of the Act requires a report within two years of enactment on the effects of coastal seaweed farming, encompassing a wide range of research topics such as how it may affect ocean acidification, how or if it is economically viable if expanded, and how to manage its environmental effects. The section also requires consultation or engagement with the Interagency Working Group on Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Indian Tribes, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.</p>	XII	<p><a href="#">S.2354</a>, the Improving Agriculture, Research, Cultivation, Timber and Indigenous Commodities (ARCTIC) Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</li> </ul>	N/A

## ADDITIONAL MARKER BILLS OF INTEREST TO NFBC MEMBERS

Below is a summary of additional marker bills that the NFBC is tracking that could be included in the 2023 Farm Bill that impact Indian Country.

MARKER BILL	TITLE	SENATE CHAMPIONS	HOUSE CHAMPIONS
<p><b>Provides Small Meat Processor Grants – <i>NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill authorizes the USDA to make or guarantee loans and award grants for establishing, expanding, and otherwise supporting livestock and poultry processing and related activities. Indian Tribes on a federal or state reservation or any other federally recognized Indian Tribal group are considered eligible recipients and grantees for the purpose of the Act.</p>	<b>V</b>	N/A	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.559</a>, The Butcher Block Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Incentivize Sustainable Food Practices – <i>NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill makes composting a conservation practice for purposes of USDA conservation programs. The bill also requires USDA to establish a competitive program to award grants and loan guarantees for projects that expand access to food waste composting. Tribal governments are considered eligible entities for the purpose of the Act.</p>	<b>II</b>	<p><b><a href="#">S.179</a>, The COMPOST Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)</li> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.651</a>, The COMPOST Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA)</li> <li>● Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)</li> <li>● Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH)</li> <li>● Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expedite Producer’s Access to Federal Disaster Relief - <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>The bill amends the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to remove barriers to agricultural producers in accessing funds to carry out emergency measures under the emergency conservation program.</p>	<b>II</b>	<p><b><a href="#">S.231</a>, The Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)</li> <li>● Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> </ul>	N/A

<p><b>Study on Barriers to Conservation for Agricultural Leased Land – <i>PROMOTE PARITY AND INCREASED TRIBAL PARTICIPATION</i></b></p> <p>The bill directs the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service to carry out a study and make recommendations regarding conservation practices on leased agricultural land. The study must (1) address issues such as participation in conservation programs and barriers to adopting conservation practices; and (2) be carried out with particular consideration of farmers and ranchers who are people of color, including Black and Indigenous farmers and ranchers, and beginning farmers and ranchers.</p>	<p>II</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>H.R.707</u>, The CALL Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Julie Brownley (D-CA)</li> <li>• Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provide Flexibility to Farm-Raised Fish Producers - <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY'S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill amends the Agricultural Act of 2014 to include farm-raised fish losses under the livestock indemnity payment program.</p>	<p>I</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>H.R.1020</u>, The BAITS Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Give Farmers Tools to Become Net-Zero by 2040 – <i>ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>USDA must finalize and implement a plan to achieve net-zero emissions from the sector by 2040, periodically reviewing and revising the plan as necessary, and annually reporting on its implementation. The bill expands the scope of various USDA research, extension, and education programs; conservation programs; and livestock programs to incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation. Expanded activities include efforts to improve soil health and preserve farmland and grassland.</p> <p>The bill provides statutory authority for a program aimed at reducing methane emissions from livestock waste that is carried out by the Environmental Protection Agency and transitions the program to USDA. The bill also addresses food waste by (1) standardizing the voluntary labels used by food producers to indicate the date by which food should be used or discarded, and (2) making composting activities eligible for support through USDA conservation programs. The bill establishes grants to reduce and prevent food waste in landfills and in schools.</p>	<p><b>II</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.1016</a>, The Agriculture Resilience Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.1840</a>, The Agriculture Resilience Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increases Rural Communities’ Access to USDA Grants - <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO USDA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill allows small, rural counties where over 50% of the land is managed by the federal government (to include Tribal land) to better access and secure grant funding. The bill supports Tribal governments through reduced local match requirements, increased technical assistance, and special consideration when applying for federal assistance.</p>	<p><b>VI</b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.1580</a>, The MORE USDA Grants Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)</li> <li>● Steve Daines (R-MT)</li> <li>● Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)</li> <li>● Sen. James Risch (R-ID)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.3595</a>, The MORE USDA Grants Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Promote Blue Carbon Ecosystem with New Aquaculture Office at USDA - <i>ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill establishes an Office of Aquaculture within USDA to encourage and promote aquaculture operations. The bill also establishes an Aquaculture Advisory Committee, of which membership will include 2 representatives of Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, to advise the Secretary on (1) oversight of programs of the Department to support development of, and to advance, aquaculture best practices using the best available science, in consultation with farmers and industry partners, (2) the history, use and preservation of Indigenous and traditional aquaculture practices and ecological knowledge, and (3) providing technical assistance to aquaculture farmers and businesses, including technical assistance that pertains to shellfish, algae, and land-based aquaculture systems, using the best available science.</p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2211</a>, The Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems, Livelihoods, and Local Seafood Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)</li> <li>● Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)</li> <li>● Sen. Angus King (I-ME)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.3951</a>, The Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems, Livelihoods, and Local Seafood Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Suzanna Bonamici (D-OR)</li> <li>● Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA)</li> <li>● Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)</li> <li>● Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)</li> <li>● Rep. Ed Case (D-HI)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expand Funding for Increasing Land, Capital and Market Access Program - <i>PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR EXISTING AUTHORITY</i></b></p> <p>This bill expands upon the Increasing Land, Capital and Market Access Program, created by the 2018 Farm Bill to support underserved producers. The bill would make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, Tribal governments among others to strengthen land, capital, and market access for historically underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest owners and for producers operating in high-poverty areas. <b>NOTE: NFBC signed onto the National Young Farmers Coalition <a href="#">letter of support</a> for the legislation.</b></p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2340</a>, The Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.3955</a>, The Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL)</li> <li>● Zachary Nunn (R-IA)</li> <li>● Joe Courtney (D-CT)</li> <li>● Abigail Spanberger (D-VA)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Promote Development of the Aquaculture Industry – ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>The bill establishes a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone. The bill supports the development of Tribal aquaculture to complement sustainable fisheries and ecosystem-based management.</p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.1861</a>, The AQUAA Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)</li> <li>● Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.4013</a>, The AQUAA Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL)</li> <li>● Rep. Ed Case (D-HI)</li> <li>● Rep. Mike Ezell (R-MS)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support Use of Acequia Systems – REMOVE BARRIERS TO ACCESS</b></p> <p>This bill ensures that Tribal producers who rely on acequia systems have access to drought protections. The bill also removes special use permit requirements for routine maintenance and minor improvements of acequias.</p>	<p>XII</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2077</a>, The Acequia Communities Empowered by Qualifying Upgrades for Infrastructure Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)</li> <li>● Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)</li> </ul>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.4290</a>, The Acequia Communities Empowered by Qualifying Upgrades for Infrastructure Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Teresa Fernandez Leger (D-NM)</li> <li>● Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM)</li> <li>● Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Allow Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program to Cover Crops and Grasses for Grazing - EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>The bill amends the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to make additional coverage for crops and grasses used for grazing under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.</p>	<p>XI</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S.2035</a>, The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Enhancement Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)</li> <li>● Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)</li> <li>● Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)</li> <li>● Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)</li> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>



<p><b>Provide Access to Reliable, Clean, and Drinkable Water – REMOVE BARRIER TO ACCESS</b></p> <p>The bill expands Tribal access to clean water by investing in water infrastructure. This bill also increases funding through USDA (Sec. 4), Indian Health Service (Sec. 5), and Bureau of Reclamation (Sec. 6) to address the significant backlog of water infrastructure projects in Tribal communities.</p>	<p><b>VI</b></p>	<p><b><u>S. 2385</u>, Tribal Access to Clean Water Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>H.R. 4746</u>, Tribal Access to Clean Water Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)</li> <li>• Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI)</li> <li>• Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM)</li> <li>• Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)</li> <li>• Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provide Alternative Protein Workforce Development Grants – ENACT NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>The bill authorizes USDA to establish a grant program in support of alternative protein workforce development. Indian Tribes are considered eligible recipients and grantees for the purpose of the Act.</p>	<p><b>VII</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>H.R. 5097</u>, Producing Real Opportunities for Technology and Entrepreneurs Investing in Nutrition Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increase of Resources to Tribal Aquaculture — EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>This bill instructs USDA to develop a policy for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to consider aquaculture products eligible for coverage. This bill also requires the fair consideration of seafood and aquaculture producers for USDA programming compared to traditional land-animal farmers, requires the Secretary to ensure adequate funding is made available for aquaculture producers, and establishes a grant program to develop more efficient gear and equipment for the aquaculture and seafood industry.</p>	<p><b>XI, XII</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>H.R.5087</u>, SEAS Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)</li> <li>• Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-3]</li> <li>• Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)</li> <li>• Rep. Lise Blunt Rochester (D-DE)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Increase of Resources to Coastal Tribes — <i>NEW AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>The bill requires the Secretary of Commerce to establish and carry out a grant program to conserve, restore, and manage kelp forest ecosystems. Indian Tribes are eligible recipients of this grant and projects will be awarded that integrate “Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices into restoration and monitoring of kelp forest ecosystems through consultation with Indian Tribes or promotion of Federal or State co-management with Indian Tribes.”</p>			<p><b><u>H.R.5487</u>, Help Our Kelp Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Jared Huffman [D-CA-2]</li> <li>● Rep. Suzan DelBene [D-WA-1]</li> <li>● Rep. Nanette Barragan [D-CA-44]</li> <li>● Rep. Scott Peters D-CA-50]</li> <li>● Rep. Derek Kilmer [D-WA-6]</li> <li>● Rep. Pramila Jayapal [D-WA-7]</li> <li>● Rep. Rick Larsen [D-WA-2]</li> <li>● Rep. Kevin Mullin [D-CA-15]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Addressing Infrastructure Needs for Food Banks – <i>PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR EXISTING AUTHORITY</i></b></p> <p>This bill would update the TEFAP Infrastructure Grants program through Fiscal Year 2028 and increase annual funding by \$10 million, and gives preference to Tribal communities when distributing this funding. This bill also directs USDA to issue a report on cold storage needs for all emergency food organizations nationally.</p>	<p><b>IV</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>H.R.5136</u>, STORE Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]</li> <li>● Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Increasing Grant Program Access for Tribal students in Alaska and Hawaii – <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill amends the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to extend education grant programs for Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions.</p>	<p>VII</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.5162</a>, Parity for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Students in Agriculture Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)</li> <li>● Rep. Ed Case (D-HI)</li> <li>● Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Access to Credit for New and Beginning Tribal producers – <i>EXPAND EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH ECONOMIC IMPACT</i></b></p> <p>This bill reduces requirements for the USDA Direct Farm Ownership Loan program by reducing the three-year farm experience requirement to only one year, and ensures applicants can qualify with a broadened type of experience, including work as a farm laborer, mentorship from an established producer, significant business experience, full payment of a youth USDA loan, and more.</p>	<p>V</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><a href="#">H.R.5172</a>, To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reduce the eligibility requirement for direct farm real estate loans, and for other purposes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Zachary Nunn (R-IA)</li> <li>● Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improving rural access to partnership program and technical assistance grants– <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish new programs to award both partnership program and technical assistance grants to rural and Tribal communities as well as establishing the Rural Partners Network in place of the Council on Rural Community Innovation and Economic Development;</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><a href="#">S. 3309</a>, Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA)</li> <li>● Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

<p><b>Expand the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to include the ReConnect program – <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill expands rural and Tribal access to federal funds to improve broadband services of a certain technical definition (service of at least 100-Mbps down and upstream) in their region.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>S. 1642</u>, ReConnecting Rural America Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)</li> <li>● Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>H.R. 4227</u>, ReConnecting Rural America Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Zachary Nunn (R-IA)</li> <li>● Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN)</li> <li>● Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL)</li> <li>● Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL)</li> <li>● ...and 28 others.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reauthorize the Community Connect Grant Program in the Rural Electrification Program – <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill reauthorizes the Community Connect Grant Program, which provided grants in service of expanding broadband access. The authorization would last until 2028.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>S.1611</u>, Community Connect Grant Program Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>H.R.6473</u>, Community Connect Grant Program Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM)</li> <li>● Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Amending the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require certain individuals are appointed to the Board of Directors at the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation – <i>INCREASE INDIAN COUNTRY’S ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</i></b></p> <p>This bill requires that at least one speciality crop producer, one livestock producer, and one underserved producer are present on the Board of Directors;</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>S.2523</u>, Farm Board Act of 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)</li> <li>● Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)</li> <li>● Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>