



**SUMMARY OF 638 REFERENCES IN THE  
HOUSE & SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE FARM BILL PROPOSALS**  
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NFBC Ask	House Agriculture Committee Republican Farm Bill Summary	Senate Agriculture Committee Democrat Farm Bill Summary
<p><b>Make the 638 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Pilot Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill Permanent</b></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>	<p><b>Sec. 4102. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes permanent the 2018 Farm Bill authority authorizing tribal organizations to enter into self-determination contracts to purchase agricultural commodities for FDPIR.</li> <li>• Provides up to \$20 million in mandatory funding annually and \$10 million in discretionary funding for the self-determination contracts.</li> <li>• Requires the Secretary to pay at least 90% of the administrative costs and distribution costs on Indian Reservations for the administration of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Make the 638 Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA)</b></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>	<p><b>Sec. 8236. Tribal Forest Management</b></p>

<p><b>Demonstration Program Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill Permanent</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes the name of the TFPA Demonstration Project to the Tribal Forest Management Program to reflect that this is a permanent program within the Forest Service.</li> <li>• Requires the agency to make available on its website a list of all forest management activities for which contracting is available under Section 8703 of the 2018 Farm Bill.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expand 638 to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to operationalize SNAP, as seen in <a href="#">H.R. 5970</a>.</li> </ul>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>
<p><b>Expand 638 to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Seniors Food Box)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands access to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program through a standard deduction of Social Security Medicare Part B, a program delivery pilot that prioritizes rural communities similar to <a href="#">H.R. 4745</a>, and through a Demonstration Program for Tribal Organizations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sec. 12212. Tribal Advisory Committee; Self-Determination Pilots</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires that the Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations, establish demonstration projects to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribal organizations to procure their own food for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expand 638 to FSIS Meat Inspections</b></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>
<p><b>Expand 638 to the Forest Service Broadly</b></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>
<p><b>Expand 638 to NRCS</b></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>	<p><i>No reference</i></p>

<p><b>Establish an Office of Self-Governance to Build Institutional Knowledge About 638 at USDA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the USDA Office of Tribal Relations to oversee self-determination contract and self-governance compacts entered into between the Secretary and tribal organizations or Indian tribes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sec. 12212. Tribal Advisory Committee; Self-Determination Pilots</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires that USDA mission areas that have programs with self-determination contracts designate an office or senior official within that mission area that shall be responsible for self-determination contracts and requires the Secretary to designate a senior official on self-determination within the Office of the Secretary to coordinate with the applicable mission area senior officials or offices on Tribal self-determination contracts.</li> <li>• Directs the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) to make periodic recommendations to the Secretary on self-determination pilot projects of USDA programs and activities.</li> <li>• Requires the Secretary to review and respond to the pilot recommendations made by the TAC, with the response submitted to the TAC, the Office of Tribal Relations, and the relevant committees of Congress.</li> </ul>
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