



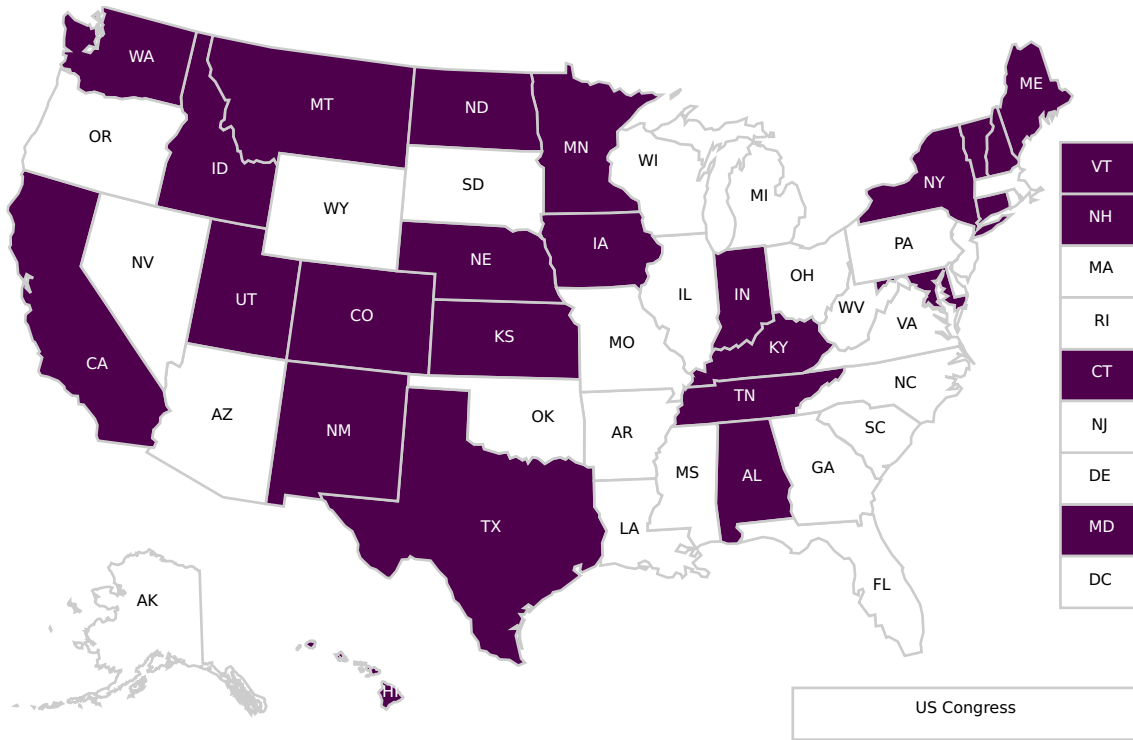
# 3/29 SiX Agriculture & Food Systems Legislative Update (Soil Health)

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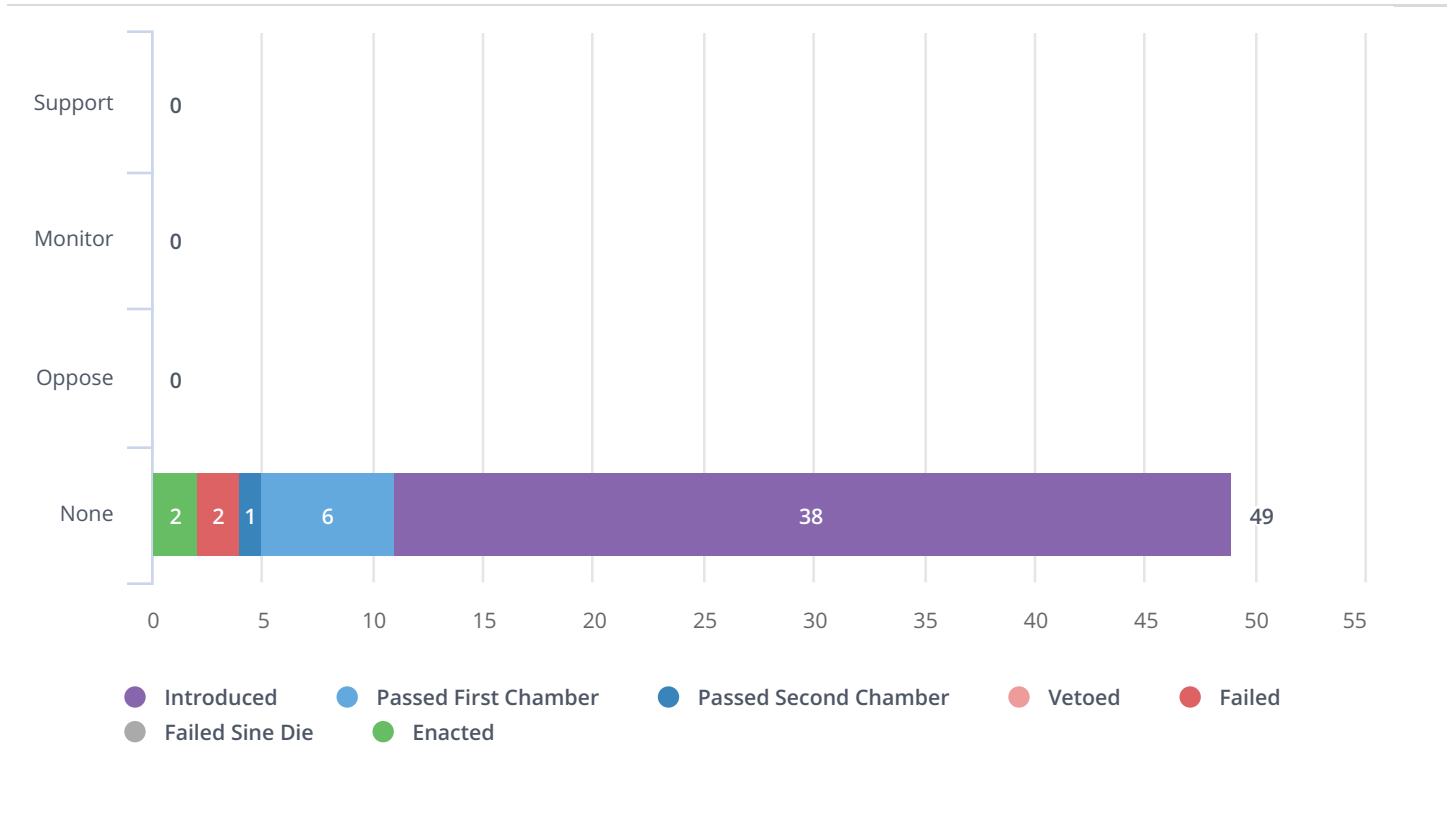
## Healthy Soil and Carbon Sequestration Legislation

Healthy soil and carbon sequestration bills in state legislatures.

### Bills by State



## Bills by Last Status and Position



## Bills by Issue

### 2021 Regenerative Agriculture (49)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
AL	HB 342	Rereferred From Calendar To A F 2021 02 09	In House	None	None	80.5% 93.0%
<b>Title</b>			<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2021-02-04			
Jackson Co., human sewage biosolids, application to land as fertilizer or soil amendment, prohibited, exception, const. amend.						
<b>Primary Sponsors</b>						
Tommy Hanes						

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	AB 1411	Read First Time 2021 02 22	In Assembly	None	None	4.6% 56.5%

#### Title

Agriculture: greenhouse gas mitigation: Healthy Soils Program.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-19

Labels:

#### Description

AB 1411, as introduced, Cunningham. Agriculture: greenhouse gas mitigation: Healthy Soils Program. Existing law, the Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995, requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming, to establish and oversee a Healthy Soils Program to seek to optimize climate benefits while supporting the economic viability of California agriculture by providing incentives, including, but not limited to, loans, grants, research, and technical assistance, and educational materials and outreach, to farmers whose management practices contribute to healthy soils and result in net long-term on-farm greenhouse gas benefits. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

#### Primary Sponsors

Jordan Cunningham

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	AB 1508	Referred To Com On Nat Res 2021 03 11	In Assembly	None	None	17.0% 55.7%

### Title

Agriculture: whole orchard recycling: carbon offset credits and healthy soils.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-19

Labels:

### Description

AB 1508, as introduced, Flora. Agriculture: whole orchard recycling: carbon offset credits and healthy soils. (1) The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020 and to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. The act establishes the Compliance Offsets Protocol Task Force, with a specified membership, to provide guidance to the state board in approving new offset protocols for a market-based compliance mechanism for the purposes of increasing offset projects with direct environmental benefits in the state, as specified. This bill would require the state board to develop a carbon offset credit for whole orchard recycling. (2) Existing law, the Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995, requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming, to establish and oversee a Healthy Soils Program to seek to optimize climate benefits while supporting the economic viability of California agriculture by providing incentives, including, but not limited to, loans, grants, research, and technical assistance, and educational materials and outreach, to farmers whose management practices contribute to healthy soils and result in net long-term on-farm greenhouse gas benefits. This bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the department for purposes of providing grants to the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Division and the California State University for research to assess the cobenefits from healthy soil practices.

### Primary Sponsors

Heath Flora

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	SB 27	Set For Hearing April 27 2021 03 25	In Senate	None	None	32.4% 51.5%

### Title

Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects.

Introduction Date: 2020-12-07

Labels:

### Description

SB 27, as amended, Skinner. Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects. (1) Existing law establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. Existing law, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, requires the state board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030. The act requires the state board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Existing law establishes the Department of Food and Agriculture to, among other duties and authorities, promote and protect the agricultural industry of the state. Existing law provides funds to the department, as specified, for grants to promote practices on farms and ranches that improve agricultural and open-space soil health, carbon soil sequestration, erosion control, water quality, and water retention. This bill would require, no later than July 1, 2022, the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency, the state board, and the department, to establish carbon sequestration goals for natural and working lands, as provided. The bill would require the state board, as part of its scoping plan, to establish specified carbon dioxide removal targets for 2030 and beyond. (2) Existing law establishes the Office of Planning and Research as the comprehensive state planning agency to, among other duties and authorities, engage in the formulation, evaluation, and updating of long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development, open space, resource preservation and utilization, air and water quality, and other factors that shape statewide development patterns and significantly influence the quality of the state's environment. This bill would require, beginning on January 1, 2022, the office to establish and maintain a registry for the purposes of identifying and listing carbon removal or sequestration projects in the state that are seeking funding from state agencies or private entities. The bill would require, no later than July 1, 2022, the office, in collaboration with the Strategic Growth Council, to create an application process for project applicants to have their carbon removal or sequestration projects listed on the registry, as specified. The bill would require the office to establish a mechanism for retiring the listing of a project from the registry once it is funded and tracking the outcome of the project to ensure it is completed. The bill would require project proponents to noti... (click bill link to see more).

### Primary Sponsors

Nancy Skinner, Anna Caballero

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	SB 322	March 22 Hearing Placed On Appr Suspende File 2021 03 22	In Senate	None	None	28.1% 53.2%

#### Title

Grazing land: California Conservation Ranching Incentive Program.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-05

#### Description

SB 322, as amended, Laird. Grazing land: California Conservation Ranching Incentive Program. Existing law establishes the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act, to be administered generally by the Department of Conservation, and provides that it is the intent of the act to, among other things, encourage voluntary, long-term private stewardship of agricultural lands by offering landowners financial incentives, encourage local land use planning for orderly and efficient urban growth and conservation of agricultural land, and encourage improvements to enhance long-term sustainable agricultural uses. The act establishes the California Farmland Conservancy Program Fund and requires, except as provided, moneys in the fund, upon appropriation, to be used for the purposes of the California Farmland Conservancy Program, which include, among other things, the purchase of agricultural conservation easements, fee title acquisition grants, and land improvement and planning grants. This bill would establish the California Conservation Ranching Incentive Program as a separate component of the California Farmland Conservancy Program. The bill would authorize the Director of Conservation to, subject to appropriation, enter into contracts for an initial term of 3 years with nonpublic entities that are owners of record or lessees of productive rangelands, grazing lands, or grasslands that are determined by the director to be important for the conservation of grassland birds, soil health, and biodiversity. The bill would require these contracts to include an agreement by the owner and any lessee to restore, enhance, and protect the grassland habitat character of the land subject to the contract and to require the Department of Conservation to pay a specified amount to the owner or lessee for undertaking conservation obligations under the contract. The bill would create the California Conservation Ranching Incentive Program Account in the California Farmland Conservancy Program Fund and would make funds deposited in the account available for expenditure, upon appropriation, to the department for purposes of the program. The bill would authorize the department to use up to 30% of the funds to provide grants to nonprofit organizations, regional conservancies, or resource conservation districts for specified purposes relating to the program, including assisting owners or lessees with enrollment or implementation of the program or preparation of management plans, as specified.

#### Primary Sponsors

John Laird

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CO	HB 21-1181	House Committee On Agriculture Livestock Water Refer Amended To Appropriations 2021 03 22	In House	None	None	85.4% 88.8%

#### Title

Agricultural Soil Health Program

Introduction Date: 2021-03-04

Labels: soil health

#### Description

The bill creates the Colorado soil health program in the department of agriculture (department). The soil health program is voluntary. The department, commissioner of agriculture (commissioner), and state agricultural commission will administer the soil health program. The department may establish the following: A system for monitoring the environmental or economic benefits of soil health practices; A state soil health inventory and platform; A soil health testing program; and Other programs the department deems appropriate or necessary. Before establishing a system, inventory and platform, or program, the department must provide public notice and afford the public an opportunity to submit written comments. The department may also: Seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations; Administer and expend the money from public and private sources; Provide grants, loans, and other resources to perform soil health activities; and Cooperate and collaborate with other people. The bill also creates a soil health advisory committee (advisory committee). The commissioner is required to appoint members who represent the different geographic areas, political diversity, and demographic diversity of the state and include agricultural producers of diverse production systems. The advisory committee will make recommendations to the department and assist in the development of the soil health program. The advisory committee is also authorized to solicit input, review proposals and agreements, and evaluate the soil health program. The department shall maintain the confidentiality of information related to private lands that identify landowners, land managers, agricultural producers, or lands. No later than January 31 of each year, the department shall prepare and make available to the public a report of its activities on its official website. (Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)

#### Primary Sponsors

Karen McCormick, Perry Will, Cleave Simpson, Faith Winter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CT	HB 6496	Referred To Office Of Legislative Research And Office Of Fiscal Analysis 03 30 21 5 00 Pm Lco 2021 03 25	In House	None	None	6.0% 0.0%

#### Title

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SOIL-RELATED INITIATIVES.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-24

Labels: soil health

#### Description

To authorize the use of certain sites for soil material deposits, encourage healthy soils and expedite certain dredging requirements for marina basin applications.

#### Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Environment

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CT	SB 467	Referred To Joint Committee On Environment 2021 01 27	In Senate	None	None	3.0% 75.5%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-01-27

AN ACT CONCERNING SOIL HEALTH.

Labels: soil health

**Description**

To include soil health as part of soil conservation.

**Primary Sponsors**

Alex Kasser

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	HB 856	The Committee S On Wal Recommend S That The Measure Be Deferred 2021 02 16	In House	None	None	93.8% 73.6%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-01-27

Relating To Waste Management.

**Description**

Part I: Clarifies that composting facilities are excluded from buffer zone requirements. Part II: Establishes a class of artisan-scale composting operations. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

**Primary Sponsors**

Tina Wildberger, Sonny Ganaden, Nicole Lowen, Lisa Marten, John Mizuno, Amy Perruso, Adrian Tam

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	HB 861	Referred To Eep Wal Fin Referral Sheet 2 2021 01 29	In House	None	None	36.3% 71.0%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-01-27

Relating To Composting.

**Description**

Establishes a class of artisan-scale composting operations exempt from department of health regulations to divert organic materials from Hawaii's landfills.

**Primary Sponsors**

Lisa Marten, Lynn DeCoite, Jeanne Kapela, Lisa Kitagawa, Matt LoPresti, Nicole Lowen, Scot Matayoshi, Angus McKelvey, John Mizuno, Nadine Nakamura, Amy Perruso, Adrian Tam, David Tarnas, Tina Wildberger



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	HB 863	Report Adopted Passed Second Reading As Amended Sd 1 And Referred To Wam 2021 03 25	In Senate	None	None	4.1% 74.3%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-01-27  
 Relating To Forestry.

**Description**  
 Authorizes general obligation bonds for the forest stewardship program of the department of land and natural resources to build and expand facilities of the state tree nurseries. (SD1)

**Primary Sponsors**  
 Lisa Marten, Lynn DeCoite, Linda Ichiyama, Jeanne Kapela, Matt LoPresti, Nicole Lowen, John Mizuno, Dee Morikawa, Nadine Nakamura, Adrian Tam, David Tarnas, Gene Ward

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 337	Referred To Agr Fin Referral Sheet 22 2021 03 11	In House	None	None	46.3% 72.7%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-01-22  
 Relating To Sustainable Agriculture.

**Description**  
 Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program to provide up to 75% cost reimbursement to farming operations in the State for acquiring cover crop seeds, green manure, or compost. Requires the convening of a review panel to screen and rate applicants on the quality of their cover crop and green manure and composting practices. Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program manager position within the department of agriculture to administer the program. Requires a report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

**Primary Sponsors**  
 Mike Gabbard, Lorraine Inouye, Gil Keith-Agaran, Donna Kim, Chris Lee, Bennette Misalucha

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 486	The Committee On Aen Deferred The Measure 2021 02 17	In Senate	None	None	3.3% 75.7%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-01-22  
 Relating To Composting.

**Description**  
 Exempts artisan-scale composting operations from department of health regulations to divert organic materials from Hawaii's landfills.

**Primary Sponsors**  
 Mike Gabbard, Laura Acasio, Stanley Chang, Kalani English, Gil Keith-Agaran

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 493	Report Adopted Referred To The Committee S On Fin With None Voting Aye With Reservations Representative S Okimoto Voting No 1 And None Excused 0 2021 03 25	In House	None	None	16.7% 73.2%

**Title**  
Relating To Agriculture.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-01-22

**Labels:** confinement laying hens

**Description**  
Establishes the Hawaii agriculture and forest carbon positive incentive program. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

**Primary Sponsors**  
Mike Gabbard, Stanley Chang, Jarrett Keohokalole

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IA	HF 457	Introduced Referred To Agriculture 2021 02 09	In House	None	None	3.1% 84.3%

**Title**  
A bill for an act creating an agricultural land, soils, water quality, and farm tenure initiative committee to conduct a study and make recommendations to improve the manner in which farm tenants may profitably grow agricultural products using leased agricultural land while providing for the sustainability and quality of this state's natural resources.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-09

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
Chuck Isenhardt

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IA	HF 801	Introduced Placed On Calendar 2021 03 08	In House	None	None	2.5% 85.5%

**Title**  
A bill for an act relating to the management of soil and water resources, by providing for certain practices and projects, including projects described in the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy. (Formerly HF 646.)

**Introduction Date:** 2021-03-08

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
Norlin Mommsen

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
ID	H 297	Reported Printed And Referred To Agricultural Affairs 2021 03 08	In House	None	None	91.3% 52.6%

**Title**  
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS – Amends and repeals existing law to revise membership provisions regarding the Idaho State Soil and Water Conservation Commission and to revise provisions regarding changes to the number of district supervisors.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-03-05

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
House Committee on Agricultural Affairs

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
IN	SB 373	First Reading Referred To Committee On Natural Resources 2021 03 04	In House	None	None	96.2% 85.1%

### Title

Carbon credit programs.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-12

Labels:

### Description

Amends the law concerning the President Benjamin Harrison conservation trust program to give the program additional powers relating to the reduction of carbon footprints. Authorizes the program to: (1) receive money from persons wishing to invest in actions that will result in carbon sequestration; (2) deposit the money in an account called the INpact forest carbon account; (3) use money in the account to purchase property that will generate carbon offsets and make grants to land trusts or other entities that will purchase property to generate carbon offsets; and (4) sell or facilitate the sale of carbon offsets. Provides that money in the INpact forest carbon account may be used to pay all costs and expenses associated with the new program functions. Amends the law concerning the clean water Indiana program to create a new account called the INpact farmland carbon account and to give the lieutenant governor powers relating to the reduction of carbon footprints. Authorizes the lieutenant governor to: (1) receive money from persons wishing to invest in actions that will result in carbon sequestration; (2) deposit the money in the INpact farmland carbon account; (3) use money in the account to compensate farmers for carbon farming practices, purchase property interests that will generate carbon offsets, and make grants to land trusts or other not-for-profit entities that will purchase property interests to generate carbon offsets; and (4) sell or facilitate the sale of carbon offsets. Provides that money in the INpact farmland carbon account may be used to pay all costs and expenses associated with the new program functions. Requires the lieutenant governor to establish a program under which persons who satisfy certain requirements may register as technical advisers or verifiers. Defines "technical adviser" as a person who provides technical assistance to farmers and private forest landowners in carrying out climate-friendly farming and forestry practices and "verifier" as a person who verifies the use of climate-friendly farming and forestry practices and the generation of credits through those practices for purposes of greenhouse gas credit markets. Requires a person who registers as a technical adviser or verifier to pay a registration fee to defray the expenses of operating the program. Requires the lieutenant governor to adopt rules establishing standards for the program. Establishes an advisory council to advise the lieutenant governor on the standards for the program. Requires the lieutenant governor to publish a list of persons registered as technical advisers or verifiers under the program on the Internet.

### Primary Sponsors

Eric Bassler, Shelli Yoder, Chip Perfect, Tim Lanane, Jim Tomes, Blake Doriot, Fady Qaddoura, Jon Ford, Karen Tallian, Lonnie Randolph, Don Lehe, Sue Glick, Rick Niemeyer, J.D. Ford

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
KS	HB 2310	Referred To Committee On Agriculture 2021 02 11	In House	None	None	24.8% 67.9%

#### Title

Creating the Kansas healthy soils fund and the Kansas healthy soils initiative for the purpose of promoting healthy soils practices in the state of Kansas.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-10

Labels:

#### Primary Sponsors

Rui Xu

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
KY	BR 147	Prefiled By The Sponsor S 2020 07 08	In House	None	None	2.2% 80.5%

#### Title

AN ACT relating to soil conservation and making an appropriation therefor.

Introduction Date: 2020-07-08

#### Description

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 262 to establish a Healthy Soils Program and a Healthy Soils Program fund in the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Conservation; require the department to provide technical advice and assistance and assist with soil health assessments and soil health plans; require the commissioner to approve applications for grants and other types of financial assistance under the Healthy Soils Program; authorize the department to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the Healthy Soils Program and the Healthy Soils Program fund; amend KRS 146.100 to require the director of the Division of Conservation to have experience in healthy soil practices; amend KRS 224.71-110 to require the Agriculture Water Quality Authority to promote soil restoration, include an organic agriculture organization among appointments to the authority and add healthy soil practices as a committee; amend KRS 262.010 to define "healthy soil practices," "soil health," "soil health assessment," and "watershed health"; amend KRS 262.020 to add restoration, biological diversity, watershed health, and healthy soil practices to the purpose of soil and water conservation districts; amend KRS 262.748 and 262.778 to conform; APPROPRIATION.

#### Primary Sponsors

J. Graviss

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
KY	HB 560	To Committee On Committees H 2021 02 23	In House	None	None	9.6% 59.7%

#### Title

AN ACT relating to soil conservation and making an appropriation therefor.

Introduction Date: 2021-02-23

Labels:

#### Description

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 262 to establish a Healthy Soils Program and a Healthy Soils Program fund in the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Conservation; require the department to provide technical advice and assistance, assist with soil health assessments and soil health plans; require the commissioner to approve applications for grants and other types of financial assistance under the Healthy Soils Program; authorize the department to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the Healthy Soils Program and the Healthy Soils Program fund; amend KRS 146.100 to require the director of the Division of Conservation to have experience in healthy soil practices; amend KRS 224.71-110 to require the Agriculture Water Quality Authority to promote soil restoration and include an organic agriculture organization among appointments to the authority and add healthy soil practices as a committee; amend KRS 262.010 to define "healthy soil practices," "soil health," "soil health assessment," and "watershed health"; amend KRS 262.020 to add restoration, biological diversity, watershed health, and healthy soil practices to the purpose of soil and water conservation districts; amend KRS 262.748 and 262.778 to conform; APPROPRIATION.

#### Primary Sponsors

Nima Kulkarni, Attica Scott

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MD	HB 8	Withdrawn By Sponsor 2021 03 17	In House	None	None	27.1% 71.5%

#### Title

Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Use of Proceeds for Maryland Healthy Soils Program

Introduction Date: 2020-09-15

#### Description

Specifying that funds in a certain renewable and clean energy programs account within the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund be used for the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; requiring that \$500,000 of the renewable and clean energy programs account be allocated to the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; and terminating the Act after September 30, 2026.

#### Primary Sponsors

Carol Krimm, Dana Stein

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
ME	LD 437 (SP 179)	Received By The Secretary Of The Senate On February 11 2021 And Referred To The Committee On Agriculture Conservation And Forestry Pursuant To Joint Rule 308 2 2021 02 11	In Senate	None	None	95.1% 56.9%

**Title**  
An Act To Establish the Maine Healthy Soils Program

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-11

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
Stacy Brenner

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	HF 701	Author Added Bernardy 2021 03 22	In House	None	None	19.4% 0.0%

**Title**  
Soil-healthy farming goals established, soil-healthy farming financial incentives created, data collection required, data classified, and money appropriated.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-04

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
Todd Lippert, Samantha Vang, Zack Stephenson, Patty Acomb, Fue Lee, Jamie Long, Frank Hornstein, Robert Bierman, Peter Fischer, Kelly Moller, Alice Hausman, Jessica Hanson, Ami Wazlawik, Athena Hollins, Sydney Jordan, Liz Reyer, Hodan Hassan, Ginny Klevorn, Jay Xiong, Kaohly Her, Leon Lillie, Esther Agbaje, Connie Bernardy, Christensen

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	HF 936	Introduction And First Reading Referred To Environment And Natural Resources Finance And Policy 2021 02 10	In House	None	None	2.8% 0.0%

**Title**  
Soil health cost-sharing program established, and money appropriated.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-10

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
Todd Lippert

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	HF 1010	Committee Report To Adopt As Amended And Re Refer To Environment And Natural Resources Finance And Policy 2021 02 25	In House	None	None	7.1% 0.0%

**Title**  
Statewide soil health action plan development funding provided, precision agriculture research and outreach funding provided, and money appropriated.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-11

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**  
Todd Lippert, Peter Fischer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	SF 793	Referred To Environment And Natural Resources Policy And Legacy Finance 2021 02 11	In Senate	None	None	3.6% 0.0%

**Title**

Statewide soil health action plan development appropriation; precision agriculture research and outreach appropriation; agricultural best management practices loan program funding increase

Introduction Date: 2021-02-11

Labels: soil health

**Primary Sponsors**

Kent Eken

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	SF 1036	Referred To Environment And Natural Resources Policy And Legacy Finance 2021 02 15	In Senate	None	None	2.3% 0.0%

**Title**

Soil Health Cost-Share Program establishment and appropriation

Introduction Date: 2021-02-15

Labels: soil health

**Primary Sponsors**

Foung Hawj

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MN	SF 1113	Author Added Tomassoni 2021 03 04	In Senate	None	None	4.8% 0.0%

**Title**

Soil-healthy farming goals establishment and financial incentives creation; data collection and classification; appropriation

Introduction Date: 2021-02-17

Labels: soil health

**Primary Sponsors**

Kent Eken, Omar Fateh, Erin Murphy, Dave Tomassoni

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MT	SB 180	S Missed Deadline For General Bill Transmittal 2021 03 02	Failed	None	None	

**Title**

Establish an interim committee on soil health

Introduction Date: 2021-02-05

Labels: soil health

**Primary Sponsors**

Pat Flowers

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
ND	SB 2342	Second Reading Failed To Pass Yeas 7 Nays 40 2021 02 08	Failed	None	None

#### Title

Relating To Healthy Soil Grant And Healthy Soil Assessment And Education Programs; And To Amend And Reenact Sections 4.1-20-01, 4.1-20-02, Subsection 5 Of Section 4.1-20-18, Sections 4.1-20-19, 4.1-20-23, 4.1-20-24, 4.1-20-25, 4.1-20-26, 4.1-20-28, Subsection 1 Of Section 4.1-20-32, And Section 4.1-20-33 Of The North Dakota Century Code, Relating To Soil Conservation, Soil Conservation District Supervisor Compensation, Training, Powers And Duties, Elections, And Land Use Regulations; And To Provide For A Continuing Appropriation.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-25

Labels: soil health

#### Description

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 4.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to healthy soil grant and healthy soil assessment and education programs; and to amend and reenact sections 4.1-20-01, 4.1-20-02, subsection 5 of section 4.1-20-18, sections 4.1-20-19, 4.1-20-23, 4.1-20-24, 4.1-20-25, 4.1-20-26, 4.1-20-28, subsection 1 of section 4.1-20-32, and section 4.1-20-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to soil conservation, soil conservation district supervisor compensation, training, powers and duties, elections, and land use regulations; and to provide for a continuing appropriation.

#### Primary Sponsors

Merrill Piepkorn, Jay Elkin, Kathy Hogan, Tim Mathern, Gretchen Dobervich, Luke Simons

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NE	LR 5	Blood Name Added 2021 03 25	In Legislature	None	None	<span>0.0%</span> <span>0.0%</span>

#### Title

Accept the findings and recommendations of the Healthy Soils Task Force submitted to the Governor and the Agriculture Committee

Introduction Date: 2021-01-07

#### Primary Sponsors

Tim Gragert

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NH	HB 199	Committee Report Ought To Pass With Amendment 2021 0351 H Vote 18 1 Cc 2021 02 18	In House	None	None	<span>66.3%</span> <span>57.7%</span>

#### Title

including soil health and soil conservation in the state soil conservation plan.

Introduction Date: 2021-01-04

Labels: soil health

#### Primary Sponsors

Peter Bixby



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NM	HB 89	Passed In The Senate Y 36 N 1 2021 03 16	Passed Senate	None	None	90.5% 87.1%

**Title**  
HEALTHY SOIL TAX REFUND CONTRIBUTION OPTION

**Introduction Date:** 2021-01-14

**Labels:** soil health

**Primary Sponsors**

Jackey Chatfield, Missy Armstrong, Chris Chandler, Nathan Small, Melanie Stansbury

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 2042	Referred To Agriculture 2021 01 14	In Assembly	None	None	3.1% 62.8%

**Title**  
Relates to establishing a carbon farming tax credit for farmers

**Introduction Date:** 2021-01-14

**Labels:** soil health

**Description**

Establishes a tax credit for farmers who maximize carbon sequestration potential through a "carbon farming" land management strategy; directs DEC to develop regulations related to certifying the amount of carbon sequestered or emissions reduced.

**Primary Sponsors**

Didi Barrett

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 4049	Referred To Environmental Conservation 2021 02 01	In Assembly	None	None	2.6% 64.7%

**Title**  
Establishes the New York state reforest, restore and sustainable agriculture commission

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-01

**Description**

Establishes a temporary state commission to be known as the New York state reforest, restore and sustainable agriculture commission to evaluate and make recommendations concerning the reforestation and restoration of forests and ecological habitats in the state of New York.

**Primary Sponsors**

Steve Englebright

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 5386	Referred To Agriculture 2021 02 16	In Assembly	None	None	6.1% 65.3%

#### Title

Establishes the soil health and climate resiliency act

Introduction Date: 2021-02-16

Labels: soil health

#### Description

Establishes the soil health and climate resiliency act; establishes the soil health program to assist farmers in improving the health of their soil and the soil health fund; establishes the climate resilient farming program to provide matching grants to fund projects which reduce methane emissions, implement water management systems on farmland and encourage soil health and resiliency.

#### Primary Sponsors

Donna Lupardo

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 4707	Referred To Agriculture 2021 03 04	In Assembly	None	None	39.2% 90.2%

#### Title

Relates to establishing a carbon farming tax credit for farmers

Introduction Date: 2021-02-09

Labels: soil health

#### Description

Establishes a tax credit for farmers who maximize carbon sequestration potential through a "carbon farming" land management strategy; directs DEC to develop regulations related to certifying the amount of carbon sequestered or emissions reduced.

#### Primary Sponsors

Kevin Parker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 4722	Referred To Agriculture 2021 02 10	In Senate	None	None	3.6% 69.1%

#### Title

Establishes the soil health and climate resiliency act

Introduction Date: 2021-02-10

Labels: soil health

#### Description

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#### Primary Sponsors

Michelle Hinchey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 5200	Referred To Environmental Conservation 2021 02 26	In Senate	None	None	4.2% 62.3%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-26

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**Primary Sponsors**

James Sanders

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
TN	HB 958	Taken Off Notice For Cal In S C Finance Ways And Means Subcommittee Of Finance Ways And Means Committee 2021 03 17	In House	None	None	3.5% 56.1%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-10

Taxes, Exemption and Credits - As introduced, adds sales tax exemptions for certain agricultural equipment and technology purchased by qualified farmers and nurserymen that are used for conservation farming practices; modifies eligibility criteria based on row crop acreage for cost-share grants associated with the department of agriculture's Tennessee agricultural enhancement grant program for applicants who engage in conservation farming practices. - Amends TCA Title 43 and Title 67, Chapter 6.

**Primary Sponsors**

John Clemmons

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
TN	SB 955	Assigned To General Subcommittee Of Senate Fw M Revenue Subcommittee 2021 03 23	In Senate	None	None	92.4% 60.7%

**Title** Introduction Date: 2021-02-10

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**Primary Sponsors**

Jeff Yarbro

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
TX	HB 2619	Read First Time 2021 03 17	In House	None	None	5.8% 53.6%

**Title**

Relating to the creation and administration of the On-The-Ground Conservation Program by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-03-02**Primary Sponsors**

Terry Wilson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
TX	SB 1118	Read First Time 2021 03 18	In Senate	None	None	3.1% 48.6%

**Title**

Relating to the creation and administration of the On-The-Ground Conservation Program by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-03-05**Primary Sponsors**

Nathan Johnson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
UT	HB 224	Governor Signed 2021 03 22	Enacted	None	None

**Title**

Pollinator Amendments

**Introduction Date:** 2021-01-22**Labels:** pollinators**Primary Sponsors**

Ashlee Matthews, Evan Vickers

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
UT	HB 296	Governor Signed 2021 03 16	Enacted	None	None

**Title**

Soil Health Amendments

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-02**Labels:** soil health**Primary Sponsors**

Joel Ferry, Jerry Stevenson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 241	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Agriculture And Forestry 2021 02 11	In House	None	None	5.7% 55.3%

**Title**

An act relating to establishing an ecosystems services tax credit

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-11**Labels:** soil health**Primary Sponsors**

Harvey Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 292	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Natural Resources Fish And Wildlife 2021 02 19	In House	None	None	95.1% 84.7%

**Title**  
An act relating to a regenerative economy

**Primary Sponsors**  
Brian Cina

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-19

**Labels:** farmer equity soil health

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
WA	SB 5253	Referred To Appropriations 2021 03 26	In House	None	None	27.0% 74.4%

**Title**  
Implementing the recommendations of the pollinator health task force.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Marko Liias

**Introduction Date:** 2021-01-18