

Summary for United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2025

Summary. H.R. 4550

Section 1. Short Title.

Section 1 provides that this Act may be cited as the “United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy.

Section 2 amends section 2(b) of the United States Grain Standards Act to update the declaration of policy of Congress to include the view that the Secretary of Agriculture shall prioritize the adoption of improved grain grading technology to provide for efficient, accurate, and consistent grading of grain.

Section 3. Official Inspection Authority and Funding.

Section 3 amends section 7 of the United States Grain Standards Act to establish continuity planning to allow the use of official agencies for domestic movements at Export Port Locations as needed. Section 3 also changes the user fee deposit fund into a trust fund. The Department of Treasury’s classification of Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) user fee accounts has created ambiguity in implementing fund investments and reclassifying the fund as a trust fund will end any ambiguity. Finally, section 3 reauthorizes the inspection duties imposed on designated official agencies and State agencies and the trust fund investment authority through September 30, 2030.

Section 4. Weighing Authority

Section 4 amends section 7A of the United States Grain Standards Act to conform with the continuity planning established under section 3 and updates the reference to the user fee fund created under section 7A(l) as a trust fund. Additionally, section 4 reauthorizes FGIS’ fee collection authority through September 30, 2030.

Section 5. Testing of Equipment.

Section 5 amends section 7B(a) of the United States Grain Standards Act to update the reference to the user fee fund created under section 7A(l) as a trust fund.

Section 6. Limitation on Administrative and Supervisory Costs.

Section 6 amends section 7D(a) of the United States Grain Standards Act to exclude costs associated with equipment and the development of technology from the existing 30 percent cap placed upon administrative and supervisory costs which may be incurred under the United States Grain Standards Act for services performed. Additionally, section 6 extends authorization for the cap, as amended, through 2030.

Section 7. General authorities.

Section 7 amends section 16 of the United States Grain Standards Act to allow the Secretary to cooperate with official agencies in conducting a continuing research program for the purpose of developing methods to improve accuracy and uniformity in grading grain. Section 7 also updates the reference to the user fee fund created under section 7A(l) as a trust fund.

Section 8. Registration requirements.

Section 8 amends section 17A(e) of the United States Grain Standards Act to update the reference to the user fee fund created under section 7A(l) as a trust fund.

Section 9. Reporting requirements.

Section 9 amends existing discretionary reporting requirements in section 17B(e) of the United States Grain Standards Act (data relating to testing for other intrinsic quality or food safety factors and other data collected from inspection and weighing) to 1) make such reporting requirements mandatory, 2) require that report publication occur on December 1 of each year, and 3) add additional reporting requirements for the publication of an analysis of any and all existing deficiencies in the technology evaluation process and recommendations to advance the efficiency, accuracy, and consistency of grain grading and minimize costs imposed on the federal government and the grain export industry.

Section 10. Funding.

Section 10 amends section 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize the \$23,000,000 annual authorization of appropriations for standardization and compliance activities, monitoring in foreign ports grain officially inspected and weighed under this chapter, and any other expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the United States Grain Standards Act for an additional five years through fiscal year 2030. Section 10 also clarifies that the term "official inspection or weighing service," which means official inspection, official weighing, supervision of weighing, supervision of agency personnel, supervision of the field office personnel of the Secretary, testing of equipment or instruments, and other services, excludes grading services performed under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

Section 11. Advisory Committee.

Section 11 amends section 21 of the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize the authority of the advisory committee for U.S. grain standards through September 30, 2030, and provides that if the Secretary does not appoint a new advisory member upon the completion of a term of an existing member (including such existing member's second successive term), then the existing member shall continue to serve until a new member is appointed by the Secretary.