

## **1890s Advancing and Building Leadership and Excellence Opportunity Act of 2023**

In June 2023, Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and U.S. Representatives Alma Adams (D-NC-12), Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10) and Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA-02) introduced the bicameral bill known as the 1890s Advancing and Building Leadership and Excellence Opportunity Act of 2023. The bill would amend Section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to add four new Centers of Excellence (COEs) at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, three of which include food waste reduction in their areas of focus.

Regarding food loss and waste, this bill would:

- Establish a Center for Climate Change that may focus on food waste reduction, soil health, and farm and food system energy efficiency.
- Establish a Center for Food Safety, Bioprocessing, and Value-Added Agriculture that may focus on innovative food and agriculture product development, food safety, and value-added agriculture enterprise development.
- Establish a Center for Food and Agricultural Sciences and the Social Sciences that may focus on integrating social science into the food and agricultural science to develop “comprehensive solutions to issues impacting underserved farmers and communities.”
- Increase funding from \$10 million dollars to \$50 million dollars for each of the fiscal years from 2024 to 2028.

### RESOURCES

Read the full text of [S. 2058](#) here and of [H.R. 4236](#) here.