

Subject CRP State Incentives

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for onetime state incentives to enrollees in the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the continuous enrollment period. Allows BWSR to establish payment rates and use state funds to provide technical assistance.

CRP is a land conservation program administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) that provides annual rental payments to farmers that take environmentally sensitive agricultural land out of production and plant vegetation to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and provide wildlife habitat.