



2023 CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY (CCP) STATE LEGISLATION SCORECARD

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Land/Property Bills Signed into Law

The CCP is a political and economic adversary of the United States, with the stated intention of ensuring China overtakes America as the world's leading power. Securing and dominating world food supply chains is integral to this goal, so China has rapidly built up its American agricultural assets in recent years. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Chinese investors' holdings of U.S. agricultural land surged from 13,720 acres in 2010 to 352,140 acres in 2020—a stunning 5,300% increase. In total, this land is worth about \$1.9 billion. At least 23 state legislatures in 2023 introduced at least 53 bills to impede CCP access to American agricultural land. The bills summarized below have either been successfully signed into law or have innovative features worthy of study.



ARKANSAS

All Land Ownership Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Ban on non-resident aliens owning any land in Arkansas, with a two-year grace period for those currently in violation. Emphasizes specific provisions for agricultural land.

SB383

Blake Johnson



FLORIDA

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Ban on foreign countries of concern from owning agricultural land in Florida.

SB264

Brian Avila, Jay Collins



MISSISSIPPI

Agricultural Land Investigation

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Establishes an investigative commission to study and document ownership of agricultural land by aliens in Mississippi.

HB280

Becky Currie

Land/Property Bills Signed into Law Cont'd



MT

MONTANA

Infrastructure and Ag. Land Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Ban on ownership of agricultural land, property that has line of sight of any military installation, or land involved in critical infrastructure.

SB203

Kenneth Bogner



ND

NORTH DAKOTA

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Ban on ownership of agricultural or similar land by foreign nations, their governments, aliens, or companies on their behalf.

HB1135

Lawrence Klemin

Local Government Restrictions

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Restricts local governments from entering into development contracts or ownership agreements with foreign adversaries.

SB2371

Bob Paulson



SD

SOUTH DAKOTA

Agricultural Land Disclosure

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Compels disclosure of foreign ownership interests by companies that operate businesses or own any agricultural land in South Dakota.

HB1189

Ryan Maher



TN

TENNESSEE

All Land Ownership Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Property ownership ban on foreign citizens and residents. If they are citizens or residents of a sanctioned foreign nation, as determined by the State Department, they cannot hold property in the state.

HB0040/SB0122

Jay Reedy

Land/Property Bills Signed into Law Cont'd



VIRGINIA

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Bans further purchase of agricultural land by foreign adversaries and prohibits transferring of agricultural land to other foreign adversaries.

SB1438/HB2325

Richard Stuart



UTAH

All Land Ownership Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Bans all land acquisition in the state by foreign adversaries.

HB0186

Candice B. Pierucci

Land/Property Bills That Passed One Chamber



ARIZONA

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Passed House

Bans foreign entities and government-owned enterprises from countries such as China, Russia, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, and North Korea from owning agricultural land.

HB2376

Leo Biasiucci



MISSOURI

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Passed House

Bans all foreign aliens from owning agricultural land. Consolidated with HB499. Passed a House vote but did not receive any Senate committee hearings.

HB903

Mike Haffner



TEXAS

All Land Ownership Ban

Passed Senate

Bans the ownership of "real property" in the state for companies or agents of a designated country, as determined by the ODNI or via the Annual Threat Assessment.

SB147

Lois Kolkhorst

Land/Property Bills of Note That Did Not Pass



IA

IOWA

All Land Ownership Ban

Expired in House Committee

Bans the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China from ownership of any property in the state of Iowa.

HF211

Brian Best



MO

MISSOURI

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Expired in House Committee

Ban on any and all foreign aliens, foreign-operated companies, or businesses from owning agricultural land in Missouri. Orders Agriculture Department to study current alien ownership.

HB499

Mazzie Boyd



SC

SOUTH CAROLINA

All Property Ownership Ban

Expired in House Committee

Limits property ownership specifically for CCP or PRC-owned enterprises. Limit set at 100 acres statewide, leasing included.

HB3566

Mike Haddon



TX

TEXAS

Agricultural Land Ownership Ban

Expired in Senate Committee

More specific agricultural land ban for foreign aliens, as opposed to the above TX SB147 (which applies the label "real property" and is more broad in its definitions).

SB552

Tan Parker

Other Notable Bills with Policies Aligned with America First Principles That Passed

While agricultural land and real property questions dominated the 2023 state legislative landscape, other bills important to America First policy priorities on China passed as well. Measures limiting CCP purchase of infrastructure, CCP investment in pension funds, and restrictions on education grants, as well as a blanket ban on the TikTok smartphone app in Montana, all became law.



FLORIDA

Education Grant Restrictions

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Prohibits Florida's public universities from accepting grants from or participating in partnerships or agreements with universities based in foreign countries of concern.

S0846

Bryan Avila



INDIANA

Investment Restrictions

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Prohibits public pension investments from investing in parties, products, or entities related to or controlled by the PRC or CCP. Compels divestment if current investments apply.

SB0268

Chris Garten

Infrastructure Protection

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Prohibits use or purchase of infrastructure products or communications equipment produced by foreign adversaries.

SB0477

Justin Busch



IDAHO

Contract Restriction

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Prohibits pension funds, public entities, and all other applicable state functions from entering into contracts with companies owned by the PRC or CCP.

H0294

Sage Dixon and Edward Hill

Other Notable Bills with Policies Aligned with America First Principles That Passed Cont'd



MT

MONTANA

TikTok Ban

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Universal TikTok ban in Montana.

SB419

Shelly Vance



SD

SOUTH DAKOTA

Contract Restriction

Passed Legislature, Signed by Governor

Prohibits purchasing agencies or other state agencies from entering into contracts or purchasing goods/services from companies owned by the PRC or CCP.

SB189

Jim Stalzer

Other Notable Bills with Policies Aligned with America First Principles that Did Not Pass



SC

SOUTH CAROLINA

Local Government Restrictions

Expired in House Committee

Prohibits local and county governments from entering into agreements with PRC/CCP-owned companies.

HB3509

Steven Long



SD

SOUTH DAKOTA

Agricultural Land Oversight Board

Expired in Senate Committee

Establishes a parallel Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States program at the state level to vet international investment, security, and commerce.

SB185

Gary Cammack

Other Notable Bills with Policies Aligned with America First Principles that Did Not Pass Cont'd



TEXAS

Cybersecurity

Expired in Senate Committee

Requires a division of Homeland Security in the Department of Public Safety concerned with homeland security (border) as well as cybersecurity for state and local governments.

SB2377

Donna Campbell

Higher Ed Oversight/Disclosures

Expired in Senate Committee

Requires the disclosure of gifts, grants, or contracts from foreign sources for all public agencies and public institutions, as well as state contractors. Monitors foreign travel by higher ed administrators.

SB2459

Bryan Hughes

Foreign Student Restrictions

Expired in House Committee

Bans all foreign students who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia from admission to Texas universities.

HB4736

Tony Tinderholt