

## S 2767

### Agriculture Security Preparedness Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Agriculture Security Preparedness Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that the United Nations Security Council should include agroterrorism in the definition of a terrorist act involving a weapon of mass destruction.

Amends Federal criminal law to include under the rubric of terrorism the use of a weapon of mass destruction against private property, including property used for agricultural or livestock operations.

Directs the Attorney General to report on the feasibility of establishing a national agroterrorism and ecoterrorism incident clearinghouse.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) report on international agricultural disease surveillance; (2) develop farm and ranch biosecurity guidelines and related education outreach; (3) develop a pilot program of biosecurity grants and loans to assist agricultural producers comply with such guidelines; (4) provide grants to universities for plant and animal disease research and vaccine development; (5) provide grants to States for geographic information systems for disease emergency epidemiological assessments; (6) develop a national public awareness campaign; (7) conduct a feasibility study respecting establishment of a national plant disease laboratory; (8) conduct a study of expanding laboratory sample screening capacities; (9) improve terrorist-related agricultural inspection abilities; and (10) establish a grant program to facilitate establishment of regional agricultural emergency response networks which shall serve as the basis for Federal, State, and local response plans.

Requires the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to: (1) establish a senior level position for agricultural disease emergency management liaison; (2) revise the Emergency Support Functions of the Federal Response Plan to include the economic, environmental, and medical impacts of naturally-occurring agricultural disease outbreaks and agroterrorist acts; (3) provide grants to small communities to facilitate participation of State and local animal health care officials in emergency planning; and (4) establish a task force to identify and distribute best practices for State regional agricultural disaster exercise programs.

Directs: (1) the Secretary of Transportation to establish guidelines for transportation restrictions in response to an agricultural emergency; and (2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish within the Department of Health and Human Services a senior level position for animal health liaison.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 22, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7166-7167)
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