

HR 4902

ARPA–Terra Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. (Nov 14, 2019)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2732	Identical bill	Oct 29, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ARPA-Terra Act of 2019

This bill establishes within the Department of Agriculture the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Terra (ARPA-Terra) to (1) overcome the long-term and high-risk technological barriers in the development of agricultural technologies that enhance export competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and resilience to extreme weather and infectious disease; and (2) ensure that the United States maintains a technological lead in developing and deploying advanced agricultural technologies that increase economic opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.

ARPA-Terra must award grants to institutions of higher education and other entities to achieve its goals, including to accelerate early-stage research on agricultural technologies.

ARPA-Terra must also implement agriculture technology projects that

- identify and promote revolutionary advances in fundamental sciences;
- translate scientific discoveries and cutting-edge inventions into technological innovations; and
- accelerate transformational technological advances in areas that, due to technical and financial uncertainty, industry is not likely to undertake without federal assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

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