

## HR 6504

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to develop a plan to improve surveillance with respect to diseases that are viral pandemic threats, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 14, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 14, 2020)

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to take specified actions related to surveillance of viral pandemic threats. Specifically, HHS must (1) award competitive, short-term grants to assess and optimize approaches to early detection of viral pandemic threats; and (2) report to Congress on the results of this program. The CDC must develop a plan to improve surveillance of viral pandemic threats that includes rapid detection and effective information sharing with respect to such diseases.

### Actions Timeline

- **Apr 14, 2020:** Introduced in House
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