

S 1242

AIM Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1625	Related bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Agricultural Intelligence Measures Act of 2021 or the AIM Act of 2021

This bill establishes the Office of Intelligence in the Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the National Intelligence Program.

The office must

- leverage the capabilities of the intelligence community and the intelligence-related research of the National Laboratories to ensure that USDA is fully informed of threats by foreign actors to U.S. agriculture;
- focus on understanding foreign efforts to steal U.S. agriculture knowledge and technology, and develop or implement biological warfare attacks, cyber or clandestine operations, or other means of sabotaging and disrupting U.S. agriculture;
- prepare, conduct, and facilitate intelligence briefings for USDA;
- operate as the liaison between USDA and the intelligence community, with the authority to request intelligence collection and analysis on matters related to U.S. agriculture;
- collaborate with the intelligence community to downgrade intelligence assessments for broader dissemination within USDA; and
- facilitate the sharing of information on foreign activities related to agriculture with the intelligence community.

Actions Timeline

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