

## HR 1342

To authorize a study on the efficacy and potential negative impacts of masks to human health, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 25, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Apr 28, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1342>

### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 25, 2021)

This bill requires the Government Accountability Office to study the efficacy and adverse impacts of wearing masks to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

This study must specifically address

- the effectiveness of masks in preventing COVID-19 compared to less restrictive measures;
- safety concerns with the types of masks commonly worn, including N-95 and medical masks; and
- the potential negative health impacts of wearing masks.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.