

## S 1737

### Global Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity Act

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117 HR 3424	Related bill	<b>May 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights.

## **Global Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity Act**

This bill establishes a task force and requires the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to take specified measures to respond to and prevent zoonotic (animal-to-human) disease outbreaks.

Specifically, the bill establishes the Global Zoonotic Disease Task Force to ensure an integrated approach to preventing, detecting, preparing for, and responding to zoonotic spillover and zoonotic disease outbreaks that may pose a threat to global health security.

The bill directs the State Department and the USAID to work with international stakeholders on measures that include (1) preventing zoonotic spillover events, (2) preventing degradation and fragmentation of forests and other ecosystems to minimize interactions between wildlife and human populations, and (3) strengthening global capacity for detection of zoonotic diseases with pandemic potential.

## **Actions Timeline**

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