

## HR 2562

SOS for Seedlings Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Apr 15, 2021
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 14, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2639	Related bill	<b>Jun 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

## **Solving Our Shortages for Seedlings Act or the SOS for Seedlings Act**

This bill requires various activities to alleviate a shortage of tree seedlings.

Specifically, the Forest Service must implement a national strategy to address the shortage by expanding the capacity of governmental and private nurseries.

In addition, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) must carry out a loan program for state, tribal, or local governments; or private, nonprofit, or cooperative organizations to establish or expand facilities that grow, store, extract, or monitor tree seedlings.

The bill also reauthorizes through FY2030 a program that permits USDA to establish and operate nurseries, purchase tree seeds or seedlings, plant trees, and otherwise support reforestation.

### **Actions Timeline**

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