

## S 2640

### Disease X Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Aug 5, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Aug 5, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 5, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 5, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Disease X Act

This bill establishes a program to develop vaccines, diagnostics, and other medical countermeasures for unknown viral threats.

Specifically, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority must carry out the program in consultation with the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise, which coordinates efforts related to medical countermeasures within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and in cooperation with interagency partners. Additionally, the program must prioritize equity and accessibility in the development of the medical countermeasures.

The bill also allows HHS to support domestic research, development, and manufacturing of medical countermeasures under the program through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements.

## Actions Timeline

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