

S 2721

A bill to require the Internal Revenue Service to issue a report on the tax gap, to establish a fellowship program within the Internal Revenue Service to recruit mid-career tax professionals to create and participate in an audit task force, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (23 total)

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Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 13, 2021
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Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 13, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 13, 2021
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 20, 2021
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 20, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 20, 2021
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 22, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 22, 2021
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 28, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 5, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 18, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7485	Related bill	Apr 7, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Financial Services, 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.
117 S 4046	Related bill	Apr 7, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 5206	Related bill	Sep 10, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.

This bill requires the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to report to Congress on projections of the estimated tax gap (i.e., the difference between tax liabilities owed to the IRS and those liabilities that the IRS actually collects). The IRS may use artificial intelligence and related data analysis tools to calculate a tax gap projection. The bill also requires the Joint Committee on Taxation to issue periodic reports to the congressional tax committees on the tax gap projection.

The bill restricts IRS funding to FY2021 levels for audits and enforcement until it publishes an updated tax gap projection. Funding is also restricted for certain purposes, including (1) targeting U.S. citizens who exercise their First Amendment rights, (2) targeting a group for regulatory scrutiny based on its ideological beliefs, and (3) auditing individual taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of less than \$400,000.

The bill directs the IRS to establish a fellowship program to recruit private sector tax experts to join the IRS to create and participate in the audit task force. The purposes of the tax force include performing audit case selection, educating IRS employees on emerging issues, auditing selected taxpayers, addressing offshore tax evasion, and identifying, mentoring, and training IRS junior employees with respect to audits.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 13, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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