

## HR 3424

### Global Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity Act

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### Committee Activity

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Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1737	Related bill	<b>May 20, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## **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.

Further, the USAID must develop and publish a strategy for food security, global health, and biodiversity protection, including information about zoonotic disease surveillance. To help implement and finance the strategy, the USAID must establish a Conservation Corps to provide Americans eligible for service abroad to deliver technical and strategic assistance.

The bill also authorizes a program within the USAID to prevent spillover events, epidemics, and pandemics through specified activities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E562)
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.