

HR 4048

COVID–19 Origins Accountability Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jun 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3463	Related bill	Jan 18, 2022: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 243.
117 S 2148	Related bill	Jun 21, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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This bill requires the President to impose sanctions and take other actions related to COVID-19 if certain conditions are not met.

Specifically, if the President is unable to certify within 90 days of this bill's enactment that China's government has allowed a transparent international forensic investigation into the origins of COVID-19 and certain laboratories in the city of Wuhan, the President must (1) impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions against individuals employed by or affiliated with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), (2) prohibit federal funding for collaborative projects between U.S.-based researchers and CAS researchers in any academic field, and (3) prohibit U.S.-based researchers and institutions that receive federal funding from engaging in certain research on viruses with individuals or institutions based in China.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.