

HR 4492

Biosecurity Information Optimization for Defense Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 11, 2021 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the President to establish a cabinet-level interagency forum to be known as the National Biodefense Directorate.

The directorate must develop a (1) national biodefense strategy and implementation plan, and (2) national strategy for combating public health misinformation and disinformation that threatens the national security and associated implementation plan.

The directorate must submit to the National Security Council and Congress a report including the National Biodefense Strategy and associated implementation plans.

The Government Accountability Office must review the report and submit to Congress a report that identifies gaps in such strategies and plans and that makes recommendations to address such gaps.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Jul 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.
- **Jul 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 16, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Homeland Security, and Agriculture, 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.