

## HR 4492

Biosecurity Information Optimization for Defense Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. (Aug 11, 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

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2021
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

### 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

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- **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.