

HR 5422

Macadamia Tree Health Initiative Amendments Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Committee Activity

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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 21, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 117 S 2885 | Identical bill | Sep 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. |

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This bill expands the research and extension grant program for the macadamia tree health initiative. Under current law, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) may provide competitive grants under the initiative to support research and extension activities to combat the insect known as the macadamia felted coccid (*Eriococcus ironsidei*).

Specifically, the bill authorizes USDA to provide competitive grants for

- developing and disseminating science-based tools and treatments to combat plant pests and noxious weeds that impact macadamia trees;
- establishing an area-wide integrated pest management program in areas affected by, or at risk of being affected by, the invasive plant pests or noxious weeds;
- surveying and collecting data on macadamia tree production and health;
- investigating macadamia tree biology, immunology, ecology, genomics, and bioinformatics; and
- conducting research on various factors that may contribute to or be associated with macadamia tree immune systems and other serious threats to macadamia trees.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.