

HR 5566

FORWARD Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 13, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Nov 30, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3498	Related bill	Jan 13, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Finding Orphan-disease Remedies With Antifungal Research and Development Act of 2021 or the FORWARD Act of 2021

This bill establishes programs to support research on endemic fungal diseases and the development of antifungal drugs, with a particular focus on Valley Fever. Endemic fungal diseases are fungal infections that tend to occur in specific geographic areas and affect older adults and other at-risk populations.

Specifically, the bill establishes the Endemic Fungal Disease Working Group to review, coordinate, and make recommendations about the Department of Health and Human Services' efforts to address endemic fungal diseases. The working group is comprised of experts from both relevant federal agencies and the private sector.

In addition, the National Institutes of Health must continue its support for research on endemic fungal diseases.

Furthermore, the Food and Drug Administration must issue guidance for entities seeking approval for therapies, diagnostics, and vaccines to prevent and treat Valley Fever. Additionally, the bill provides for the use of priority reviews and other fast-track procedures to incentivize and expedite development and approval of these medical products.

The bill also requires the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to implement the Combating Antimicrobial Resistance Biopharmaceutical Accelerator Program to reduce and prevent antimicrobial resistance.

Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 12, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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