

HR 7152

Tracking Pathogens Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3799	Related bill	Mar 15, 2022: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
117 S 3534	Identical bill	Jan 31, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to take specified actions related to the genomic sequencing of pathogens.

Specifically, the CDC must issue guidance on sharing specimens and other activities to support collaboration in the genomic sequencing of pathogens.

The CDC must also strengthen and expand activities related to the use of genomic sequencing of pathogens in public health surveillance, including by providing technical assistance to health departments. The CDC may award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to academic and other laboratories related to these activities.

In addition, the CDC must establish through public health agencies (or partnerships of such agencies) centers of excellence to promote innovation in pathogen genomics and molecular epidemiology.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 21, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 18, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.