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Defund the Wuhan Institute of Virology Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]

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Cosponsors

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1025	Identical bill	Feb 14, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2023)

Defund the Wuhan Institute of Virology Act

This bill prohibits making federal funds available to the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China.

The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress on federal funds that were provided directly or indirectly to the institute, the Chinese government, the Chinese Communist Party, or affiliates of these entities over the past 15 years.

Actions Timeline

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