

HR 7686

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 15, 2024

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transp

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 10, 2024
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 9, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 5343	Related bill	Nov 19, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

This bill clarifies the definition of a *malign foreign talent recruitment program* under the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act.

The Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act, which was included in the CHIPS and Science Act, prohibits researchers who receive federal funds from participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs, in which foreign countries incentivize or compensate researchers for activities that present a conflict-of-interest for the researcher or that are otherwise unauthorized (e.g., sharing proprietary information without proper authorization). The bill clarifies that these restrictions apply to programs that are sponsored by a foreign country of concern.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 10, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 118-653.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 550.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5039-5041)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7686.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5039-5040)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5039-5040)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 38 - 0.
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.