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Viral Gain-of-Function Research Moratorium Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jan 25, 2023
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Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Jan 25, 2023
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Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 31, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 17, 2024

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits the award of federal research grants to institutions of higher education or research institutes that conduct gain-of-function research. *Gain-of-function research* refers to any research that (1) could confer attributes to influenza, MERS, or SARS viruses such that the virus would have enhanced pathogenicity or transmissibility in an organism; or (2) involves methods that could enhance potential pandemic pathogens or related risky research with potentially dangerous pathogens.

Actions Timeline

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