

S 5200

Spotted Lanternfly Research and Development Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Jul 30, 2026

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jul 30, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/5200>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Aug 4, 2026  |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]          | D · CA        |      | Sep 14, 2026 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                      | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 30, 2026 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship                | Last Action                                                                                           |
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| 119 HR 4708 | Related bill                | <b>Jul 23, 2025:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.                                  |
| 119 HR 4708 | Identical bill              | <b>Jul 23, 2025:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.                                  |
| 119 HR 3867 | Cross-Congress related bill | <b>Jul 28, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.       |
| 119 S 1837  | Cross-Congress related bill | <b>Jun 7, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. |

## **Spotted Lanternfly Research and Development Act**

This bill includes combatting the spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) as a Department of Agriculture (USDA) high-priority research and extension area and reauthorizes other USDA research and extension initiatives.

The bill specifically allows grants for developing and disseminating research-based tools and treatments to combat the spotted lanternfly, which is an invasive species native to Asia that feeds on a wide range of crops and plants (e.g., grapes, apples, hops, walnuts, and hardwood trees).

Further, the bill reauthorizes USDA grants to support competitive specialized research and extension activities, including high-priority areas, through FY2028. The bill also specifically reauthorizes through FY2028

- the Pulse Crop Health Initiative;
- the Comprehensive Food Safety Training Network;
- pollinator protection research and extension grants;
- increased USDA capacity and infrastructure to address and conduct research on colony collapse disorder and other pollinator issues; and
- a USDA-conducted nationwide honey bee pest, pathogen, health, and population status surveillance program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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