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# S. 2594

To establish a Food Safety Research Institute to coordinate the development of a Federal Governmentwide, interagency food safety research agenda to ensure the efficient use of food safety research resources and prevent duplication of efforts.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 8 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998

Mr. HARKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Food Safety Research  
5 Institute Establishment Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOOD SAFETY RESEARCH INSTITUTE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall establish  
3 a Food Safety Research Institute (referred to in this sec-  
4 tion as the “Institute”) to coordinate the development of  
5 a Federal Governmentwide, interagency food safety re-  
6 search agenda to ensure the efficient use of food safety  
7 research resources and prevent duplication of efforts.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each Federal  
10 agency that conducts or uses food safety research, as  
11 determined by the President, shall designate a mem-  
12 ber of the Institute.

13 (2) AGENCIES INCLUDED.—The President shall  
14 include among the agencies determined under para-  
15 graph (1), at a minimum—

16 (A) the Food Safety and Inspection Serv-  
17 ice;

18 (B) the Agricultural Research Service;

19 (C) the Cooperative State Research, Edu-  
20 cation, and Extension Service;

21 (D) the Food and Drug Administration;

22 (E) the National Science Foundation;

23 (F) the National Institutes of Health; and

24 (G) the Environmental Protection Agency.

25 (3) COCHAIRPERSONS.—The Secretary of Agri-  
26 culture, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-

1 ices, and the Director of the Office of Science and  
2 Technology Policy shall each appoint a cochair-  
3 person of the Institute who has—

4 (A) a scientific background related to food  
5 safety research; and

6 (B) experience with food safety research;

7 (c) DUTIES.—The Institute shall—

8 (1) identify priorities and desired outcomes for  
9 Federal food safety research efforts with an empha-  
10 sis on the prevention of food-borne contamination;

11 (2) coordinate the development of food safety  
12 research initiatives;

13 (3) coordinate the development of joint program  
14 announcements and requests for proposals related to  
15 food safety research;

16 (4) consult with Federal and non-Federal users  
17 of food safety research; and

18 (5) act as an information clearinghouse for the  
19 assembly and dissemination of food safety research  
20 information.

21 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,  
22 the Institute shall consult with representatives of—

23 (1) Federal regulatory agencies that use food  
24 safety research;

25 (2) producer groups and representatives;

1           (3) consumer representatives;

2           (4) food safety research consortia; and

3           (5) research advisory boards with jurisdiction  
4 over Federal food safety research programs.

5       (e) LIMITATION.—Federal funds available, as of the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, for food safety research  
7 shall not be used to administer the Institute.

8       (f) LOCATION.—The location of the Institute shall be,  
9 as determined by the President, in conjunction with a  
10 major university with substantial experience in carrying  
11 out food safety research, education, and extension activi-  
12 ties.

13       (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
14 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
15 essary to carry out this section.

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