

Senate Agriculture reconciliation bill maintains research investments

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The section-by-section breakdown of the bill can be found here, and a one-page summary can be found here. The bill is now under review and could come up for a vote in the Senate by the end of June. Both Congress and the Trump Administration set July 4 as the target date to pass the full reconciliation bill, but negotiations could push this later into July.

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