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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8556

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2026

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Homegrown Defense  
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMPLI-**  
7 **ANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
8 **DOMESTIC FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS.**

9 (a) AUDITS.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act, and on a quarterly basis

1 thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of  
2 Defense shall conduct an audit to determine the extent  
3 of compliance with the requirements of section 4862 of  
4 title 10, United States Code, with respect to the procure-  
5 ment of items described in subsection (b)(1)(A) of such  
6 section.

7 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days  
8 after the conclusion of each audit under subsection (a),  
9 the Inspector General shall submit to the Committees on  
10 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the  
11 Senate a report containing the results of such audit.

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