

# WIB Workshop

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# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Aim for 225-275 words
  - Non-biased
  - Economical
  - Use multiple sources (and include them when you submit your brief)
  - Submit by Saturday at 7pm to [cib@coastal.edu](mailto:cib@coastal.edu)
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# PARAGRAPH 1

- BLUF

*Who, what, when, and where*

**On 10 MAR 2023, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information regarding the origins of the SARS-CoV-2, more commonly known as the COVID-19 virus. The House of Representatives voted 419-0 in favor of the bill. The House vote comes after the United States Senate also passed the measure with unanimous agreement. Therefore, the bill will now be handed to Joseph Biden, the President of the United States, for approval before being enacted into law.**

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# PARAGRAPH 2

- Further details, historical context, background

**The bill, titled the COVID-19 Origins Act of 2023, was created after the United States Department of Energy concluded with “low confidence” that the COVID-19 virus “likely” originated from the Wuhan Institute of Virology in Wuhan, China. Meanwhile, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Christopher Wray, noted that the “FBI has for quite some time now assessed that the origins of the pandemic are most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan.” With the lack of transparency on the origins of the COVID-19 virus, United States policymakers have made it a priority to identify the true origins of the virus by gathering the information collected by the United States intelligence community.**

**When asked about the current status of the COVID-19 Origins Act of 2023, President Biden stated that he has not made a decision to sign or veto the bill. However, if President Biden vetoes the bill, both chambers’ would have the opportunity to vote to overrule the President’s executive ruling. If each chamber can vote at least a two-thirds majority, then the bill will be enacted into law.**

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# PARAGRAPH 3

- Assessment/forecast

**While a decision has not been made, we can state with high confidence that the Director of National Intelligence will be required to declassify information on the true origins of the SARS-CoV-2, because previous chamber votes would suggest that at least a two-thirds majority in each chamber would be easily obtainable to overturn the President's veto ruling.**

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# Do's and Don'ts

- Don't use quotations unless it is absolutely necessary
- Don't use the word "I"
- Do use credible sources and fact check
- Do use estimative language

(a) For expressions of likelihood or probability, an analytic product must use one of the following sets of terms:

almost no chance	very unlikely	unlikely	roughly even chance	likely	very likely	almost certain(ly)
remote	highly improbable	improbable (improbably)	roughly even odds	probable (probably)	highly probable	nearly certain
01-05%	05-20%	20-45%	45-55%	55-80%	80-95%	95-99%