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## **Oversee Emerging Technology Act** U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-Colo.)

The U.S. government should lead by example in the responsible use of emerging technologies, like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, advanced robotics, and biotechnology. As federal agencies increasingly adopt and deploy these new technologies, they are not required to employ a dedicated senior official to advise on the use of these new tools, which creates a clear accountability gap.

To that end, Senator Michael Bennet's Oversee Emerging Technology Act would require the leaders of relevant federal agencies to designate or appoint a senior official charged with providing input on the use and procurement of emerging technologies, as well as assisting in the creation of responsible use guidelines. Ensuring that every agency implementing or procuring cutting-edge systems has the appropriate personnel available will not only ensure adequate oversight, but also help coordinate efforts to create standardized policies and practices for emerging technologies across the federal government.

### **The bill would:**

- Require agency heads to appoint or designate a senior official tasked with advising on the responsible use of emerging technologies.
- Charge the senior official with providing expertise on responsible policies and practices, collaborate with officials and coordinating bodies across the Federal government, and offer input for responsible procurement policies.
- Require agency heads to identify the official and provide a description of the official's authorities and responsibilities to Congress.