

NCI Legislative Update

National Cancer Advisory Board

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Appropriations – FY 2006

President's budget announced Feb. 7

- NIH: \$28.8 billion
- NCI: \$ 4.8 billion

HR 3010 passed by House June 24; referred to Senate

- NIH: \$28.7 billion
- NCI: \$ 4.8 billion

Senate Appropriations reported HR 3010 July 14

- NIH: \$29.65 billion
- NCI: \$ 4.96 billion

Awaits debate in Senate

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The Effects of Nuclear Testing in the Marshall Islands

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July 19, 2005

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX)

Dr. Elias Zerhouni, Director, NIH testified

Effects of Nuclear Testing in the Marshall Islands

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Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Chairman Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM)

Dr. Kiyohiko Mabuchi, Radiation Epidemiology
Branch, DCEG, NCI witness

Women and Cancer:

Where Are We in Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers?

September 7, 2005

House Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal
Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources

Chairman Mark Souder (R-IN)

Dr. Ted Trimble, DCTD/CTEP, NCI witness

Gynecological Cancer Awareness and Education Act
highlighted (Johanna's Law)

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Timeline

2002-2005: Series of Hearings

July 19: First Draft of Bill

August 22: Second Draft of Bill

Next Step: Introduction of Bill

NIH Reauthorization

Key Points

Current Institutes and Centers divided into 2 categories

- Mission-specific responsibilities (e.g. NCI, NIAID)
- Science-enabling responsibilities (e.g. NHGRI, NIBIB)
- Number of ICs in each category can not increase

Authority of NIH Director (as summarized by Committee)

- Ensure that scientifically based strategic planning is implemented in support of research as determined by the Institute and Center Directors
- Program coordination across Institutes and Centers, to ensure that the research portfolio of NIH takes advantage of collaborative, cross-cutting research

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Key Points

Creates the Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives

- Located within NIH/OD
- Identify important scientific areas in need of research involving the responsibility of more than 1 IC
- Will receive IC input and advisory body review

Establishes the Common Fund for Trans-NIH Research

- Funded by percentage (unspecified in bill) overall NIH
- \$ allocated to ICs to conduct research activities
- Overall size of the set-aside will gradually increase over 3 year period

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Key Points

Demonstration Projects

- **Bridging the Sciences:** With NSF and DOE, research at the interface between biological, physical, chemical, mathematical and computational sciences
- **High Risk, High Reward:** Using grants, contracts or other transactions for high-impact, cutting-edge research that fosters scientific creativity and increases fundamental biological understanding

Authorizations of Appropriations

- Eliminates separate authorization of appropriations for individual ICs
- Delineates 3 authorizations of appropriations
 - NIH Office of the Director
 - Mission-specific ICs
 - Research-enabling ICs

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Cancer: Specific Items

Centers of Excellence

- Draft #1 gave NIH Director authority to establish Centers of Excellence (undefined term)
- Draft #2 specifically excludes the National Cancer Research and Demonstration Centers from the provision

Reporting Requirements

- Draft #1 deleted reporting requirement for PCP
- Draft #2 restores reporting requirement for PCP

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Other Legislation

Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention

- Signed into law on June 30 (Public Law 109-18)
- Rep. Menendez (D-NJ)
- HRSA demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes

House Continuing Resolution 210

- Introduced by Rep. Clay Shaw (R-FL) on July 18
- Supports the goal of eliminating the suffering and death due to cancer by 2015

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