

# NCI Legislative Update

## National Cancer Advisory Board

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# Legislative Activities

Appropriations Status

Legislation of Interest – 1<sup>st</sup> Session

Outlook – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

# Appropriations Status

FY 2008 Appropriations finally wrapped up on Dec. 26

- NIH - \$29.3 Billion
- NCI - \$ 4.8 Billion

FY 2009 Appropriations cycle began Feb. 4 with the announcement of the President's Budget

- NIH - \$        Billion
- NCI - \$        Billion

# Appropriations Timeline

- Mid-February -- Department Hearings
- Late February/Early March – House NIH overview hearing tentatively scheduled Feb. 26
- March -- possible theme hearings
- Senate hearings – TBD
- **Ideal** timeline – House bills June; Senate bills July; Conference September
- **Realistic** timeline – House bills June/July; Senate bills July/September; CR thru election

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Session Legislation - Passed

- ✓ Omnibus Appropriations (PL 110-161)
- ✓ Breast Cancer Stamp Reauthorization (PL 110-150)
- ✓ FDA Amendments Act (PL 110-85)
- ✓ National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization (PL 110-18)
- ✓ Stem Cell Research Enhancement (passed but vetoed)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Session Legislation- Pending

- ✓ Conquer Childhood Cancer Act
- ✓ Breast Cancer & Environment Research Act
- ✓ Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act

## 1<sup>st</sup> Session Legislation- New

Pediatric, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship Research and Quality of Life Act

- HR 4450 Introduced Dec. 11, 2007
- Sponsored by Reps. Hilda Solis (D-CA) and Mary Bono (R-CA)
- Includes provisions involving HHS, NIH, NCI, CDC, HRSA



## HR 4450 – Key Provisions

### NCI Director

- Coordinate NIH activities in survivorship research
- Give priority to certain research areas
  - Assess prevalence and etiology of late effects of cancer and treatment
  - Identify predictors of neurocognitive and psychosocial outcomes, quality of life in cancer survivors and families
  - Causes of health disparities in childhood cancer research
  - Evaluate systems of follow up care

# HR 4450 – Key Provisions

## HHS

- Grants to recognized childhood cancer advocacy programs to improve psychosocial care

## CDC with NCI

- Provide guidance to states on interventions that may be incorporated into State Cancer Control programs to improve long-term health status and existing surveillance systems

## HRSA

- Grants to entities establish pilot programs to develop, study, or evaluate model systems for monitoring and caring for childhood cancer survivors

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- Difficult to predict
- Presidential election year
- Few legislative days
- Low motivation to compromise

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