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H. R. 574

To provide for the operation of laboratories to carry out certain public-health functions for the region along the international border with Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 1995

Mr. COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

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 “Southwest Public
5 Health Laboratory Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC-HEALTH LABORATORIES FOR SOUTHWEST-**
7 **ERN BORDER REGION.**

8 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
9 as appropriate through the Director of the Centers for
10 Disease Control and Prevention or through other agencies,

1 may make grants to States for the operation of labora-
2 tories to protect the public health through analyzing
3 human, wildlife, air, water, and soil samples. The purposes
4 for which the Secretary may authorize such a grant to
5 be expended include the establishment of the laboratories,
6 increasing the capacity of existing facilities, and collecting
7 the samples to be analyzed by the laboratories. The Sec-
8 retary may make such a grant only if the State involved
9 agrees that the laboratory will be operated by the State,
10 and will serve the region along the international border
11 between the United States and Mexico (in the States of
12 California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas). The Sec-
13 retary shall ensure that such a laboratory is established
14 in an urban area that is centrally located in such region,
15 that the laboratory is located within 25 miles of such bor-
16 der, and that the laboratory receives the principal amount
17 of assistance under this section.

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