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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a review to evaluate the status of research on lung cancer in women and underserved populations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Women and Lung Can-
5 cer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY REVIEW TO EVALUATE AND IDEN-**
2 **TIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ACCELERA-**
3 **TION OF RESEARCH ON LUNG CANCER IN**
4 **WOMEN AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS,**
5 **GREATER ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE SERV-**
6 **ICES, AND STRATEGIC PUBLIC AWARENESS**
7 **AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
10 fense and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall conduct an
11 interagency review to evaluate the status of, and identify
12 opportunities for the acceleration of research related to—

- 13 (1) research on lung cancer in women;
14 (2) research on lung cancer in underserved pop-
15 ulations that meet the eligibility criteria for lung
16 cancer screening as recommended by the United
17 States Preventive Services Task Force;
18 (3) access to lung cancer preventive services;
19 and
20 (4) strategic public awareness and education
21 campaigns on lung cancer.

22 (b) CONTENT.—The review and recommendations
23 under subsection (a) shall include—

- 24 (1) a review and comprehensive report on the
25 outcomes of previous research, the status of existing
26 research activities, and knowledge gaps related to

1 lung cancer in women and underserved populations
2 in all agencies of the Federal Government;

3 (2) opportunities for collaborative, interagency,
4 multidisciplinary, and innovative research, that
5 would—

6 (A) encourage innovative approaches to
7 eliminate knowledge gaps in research on lung
8 cancer in women;

9 (B) evaluate environmental and genomic
10 factors that may be related to the etiology of
11 lung cancer in women; and

12 (C) foster advances in imaging technology
13 and techniques to improve risk assessment, di-
14 agnosis, treatment, and the simultaneous utili-
15 zation of other preventive services and activi-
16 ties;

17 (3) opportunities regarding the development of
18 a national lung cancer screening strategy to expand
19 access to such screenings, particularly among women
20 and underserved populations; and

21 (4) opportunities regarding the development of
22 a national public education and awareness campaign
23 on—

24 (A) lung cancer in women and underserved
25 populations; and

1 (B) the importance of early detection of
2 lung cancer.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services shall submit to Congress a report on the
6 review conducted under subsection (a).

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