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# S. 2285

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Uterine Cancer Study  
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAIR**  
2 **STRAIGHTENERS AND UTERINE CANCER.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary, in coordination with the  
4 Commissioner of Food and Drugs and the Director of the  
5 National Institutes of Health, shall conduct a study on  
6 the relationship between hair straighteners and uterine  
7 cancer, with a focus on the increased incidence of such  
8 cancer among women of color. Such study shall—

9 (1) review significant findings and recommenda-  
10 tions from other studies regarding the relationship  
11 between hair straighteners and uterine cancer;

12 (2) consider impacts on women and other indi-  
13 viduals at risk of uterine cancer from all racial and  
14 ethnic backgrounds;

15 (3) disaggregate the results of the study under  
16 this section according to whether the hair straight-  
17 eners contain dyes or coloring, bleach, highlights, or  
18 perms; and

19 (4) determine whether the Food and Drug Ad-  
20 ministration should impose additional testing re-  
21 quirements on the manufacturers of hair straight-  
22 ening products to ensure the safety of such prod-  
23 ucts.

24 (b) METHODOLOGY.—Not later than 45 days after  
25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-  
26 mit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

1 Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and  
 2 Commerce of the House of Representatives a description  
 3 of the methodology that will be used to conduct the study  
 4 under this section.

5 (c) COMMENCEMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
 6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall com-  
 7 mence the study under this section.

8 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
 9 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete the  
 10 study under this section and submit to the Committee on  
 11 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and  
 12 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
 13 of Representatives a report on the results of such study.

14 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section:

15 (1) HAIR STRAIGHTENER.—The term “hair  
 16 straightener” means a chemical hair straightener.

17 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 18 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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