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# H. R. 961

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs regarding ovarian cancer.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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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 “Ovarian Cancer  
5       Research and Information Amendments of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON OVARIAN CANCER.**

7       Section 417B(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act  
8       is amended—

1           (1) by striking “CANCERS.—For the purpose  
2       of” and all that follows through “417,” and insert-  
3       ing the following: “CANCERS.—

4                   “(A) For the purpose of carrying out sec-  
5       tion 417(d),”; and

6           (2) by adding at the end the following subpara-  
7       graph:

8                   “(B)(i) For the purpose of carrying out re-  
9       search under section 417(d) on ovarian cancer,  
10       there are authorized to be appropriated  
11       \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and such  
12       sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal  
13       years 2001 and 2002. With respect to such pur-  
14       pose, such authorizations of appropriations are  
15       in addition to the authorizations of appropria-  
16       tions established in subparagraph (A) and in  
17       subsection (a).

18                   “(ii) Of the amounts appropriated under  
19       clause (i) for a fiscal year, the Director of the  
20       Institute shall reserve 50 percent for research  
21       described in such clause that does not involve  
22       treatment or clinical trials, and 50 percent for  
23       research described in such clause that does in-  
24       volve treatment and clinical trials.

1           “(iii) In expending the amounts appro-  
2           priated under clause (i) for a fiscal year, the  
3           Director of the Institute shall give priority to  
4           the following activities regarding ovarian can-  
5           cer:

6                   “(I) Developing a test for the early  
7                   detection of the cancer.

8                   “(II) Research to identify precursor  
9                   lesions and research to determine the man-  
10                  ner in which benign conditions progress to  
11                  malignant status.

12                  “(III) Research to determine the rela-  
13                  tionship between the cancer and endo-  
14                  metriosis.

15                  “(IV) Ensuring that, in clinical re-  
16                  search on the cancer that is conducted or  
17                  supported by the Institute, appropriate  
18                  counseling is provided to women before the  
19                  women participate as subjects in the re-  
20                  search, including (subject to changes in the  
21                  applicable facts) informing women that  
22                  there may be a genetic basis to such can-  
23                  cer.”.

1 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ON OVAR-**  
2 **IAN CANCER.**

3 Section 417(d)(4) of the Public Health Service Act  
4 is amended by striking “section 413; and” and inserting  
5 the following: “section 413, which programs shall include  
6 programs on ovarian cancer that (subject to changes in  
7 the applicable facts) provide information and education  
8 regarding—

9 “(A) screening procedures for such cancer,  
10 including the fact that there is not a procedure  
11 that reliably provides for the early detection of  
12 such cancer;

13 “(B) the fact that there may be a genetic  
14 basis to such cancer;

15 “(C) factors indicating a substantial risk  
16 of such cancer; and

17 “(D) the various treatments for such can-  
18 cer and the extent to which the treatments are  
19 effective; and”.

20 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY**  
21 **BOARD.**

22 The membership of the National Cancer Advisory  
23 Board under section 406(h)(2) of the Public Health Serv-  
24 ice Act shall include one or more individuals who are at  
25 high risk for developing ovarian cancer.

1 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       This Act takes effect October 1, 1999, or upon the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, whichever occurs later.

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