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S. 1421

To provide for the maintenance, management, and availability for research of assets of Air Force Health Study.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2007

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND AVAIL-**
4 **ABILITY FOR RESEARCH OF ASSETS OF AIR**
5 **FORCE HEALTH STUDY.**

6 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-
7 sure that the assets transferred to the Medical Follow-Up
8 Agency from the Air Force Health Study are maintained,
9 managed, and made available as a resource for future re-

1 search for the benefit of veterans and their families, and
2 for other humanitarian purposes.

3 (b) ASSETS FROM AIR FORCE HEALTH STUDY.—For
4 purposes of this section, the assets transferred to the Med-
5 ical Follow-Up Agency from the Air Force Health Study
6 are the assets of the Air Force Health Study transferred
7 to the Medical Follow-Up Agency under section 714 of the
8 John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
9 cal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364; 120 Stat. 2290), in-
10 cluding electronic data files and biological specimens on
11 all participants in the study (including control subjects).

12 (c) MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF TRANS-
13 FERRED ASSETS.—The Medical Follow-Up Agency shall
14 maintain and manage the assets transferred to the Agency
15 from the Air Force Health Study.

16 (d) ADDITIONAL NEAR-TERM RESEARCH.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Medical Follow-Up
18 Agency may, during the period beginning on October
19 1, 2007, and ending on September 30, 2011, con-
20 duct such additional research on the assets trans-
21 ferred to the Agency from the Air Force Health
22 Study as the Agency considers appropriate toward
23 the goal of understanding the determinants of
24 health, and promoting wellness, in veterans.

1 (2) RESEARCH.—In carrying out research au-
2 thorized by this subsection, the Medical Follow-Up
3 Agency may, utilizing amounts available under sub-
4 section (f)(1)(B), make grants for such pilot studies
5 for or in connection with such research as the Agen-
6 cy considers appropriate.

7 (e) ADDITIONAL MEDIUM-TERM RESEARCH.—

8 (1) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2011,
9 the Medical Follow-Up Agency shall submit to Con-
10 gress a report assessing the feasibility and advis-
11 ability of conducting additional research on the as-
12 sets transferred to the Agency from the Air Force
13 Health Study after September 30, 2011.

14 (2) DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.—If the report re-
15 quired by paragraph (1) includes an assessment that
16 the research described in that paragraph would be
17 feasible and advisable, the Agency shall, utilizing
18 amounts available under subsection (f)(2), make any
19 disposition of the assets transferred to the Agency
20 from the Air Force Health Study as the Agency con-
21 siders appropriate in preparation for such research.

22 (f) FUNDING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts available for
24 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the De-

1 partment of Veterans Affairs for Compensation and
2 Pensions, amounts shall be available as follows:

3 (A) \$1,200,000 shall be available in each
4 such fiscal year for maintenance, management,
5 and operation (including maintenance of bio-
6 logical specimens) of the assets transferred to
7 the Medical Follow-Up Agency from the Air
8 Force Health Study.

9 (B) \$250,000 shall be available in each
10 such fiscal year for the conduct of additional re-
11 search authorized by subsection (d), including
12 the funding of pilot studies authorized by para-
13 graph (2) of that subsection.

14 (2) MEDIUM-TERM RESEARCH.—From amounts
15 available for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of
16 Veterans Affairs for Compensation and Pensions,
17 \$200,000 shall be available for the preparation of
18 the report required by subsection (e)(1) and for the
19 disposition, if any, of assets authorized by subsection
20 (e)(2).

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