

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4351

To amend the National Alzheimer’s Project Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate (including an estimate of the number and type of personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself, Mr. TONKO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alzheimer’s Account-
3 ability Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) Alzheimer’s disease is the most expensive
7 disease in the United States today. Its costs are set
8 to increase like the costs of no other disease and will
9 be carried in substantial measure through the Medi-
10 care and Medicaid programs.

11 (2) Through the unanimous, bipartisan passage
12 of the National Alzheimer’s Project Act (Public Law
13 111–375), the 111th Congress recognized the na-
14 tional imperative to act and instructed the Nation’s
15 scientists to develop a plan to change the trajectory
16 of this disease.

17 (3) Scientists at the National Institutes of
18 Health have prepared and presented to Congress a
19 national plan to prevent and effectively treat Alz-
20 heimer’s disease by 2025, including the underlying
21 specification of milestones and timelines to achieve
22 this goal.

23 (4) Capital budgeting is a universally accepted
24 best practice for the successful management of such
25 a multiyear project, but such projections have not
26 been prepared and provided to Congress to achieve

1 the 2025 goal, preventing Congress from exercising
2 truly effective oversight over a venture of profound
3 importance to the Nation.

4 **SEC. 3. PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT BUDGET FOR INITIA-**
5 **TIVES OF NIH UNDER NATIONAL ALZ-**
6 **HEIMER'S PROJECT.**

7 Section 2 of the National Alzheimer's Project Act
8 (Public Law 111–375) (42 U.S.C. 11225) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
10 section (i); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(h) PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT BUDGET.—For each
14 fiscal year through fiscal year 2025, the Director of the
15 National Institutes of Health shall prepare and submit,
16 directly to the President for review and transmittal to
17 Congress, after reasonable opportunity for comment (but
18 without change) by the Secretary of Health and Human
19 Services and the Advisory Council, an annual budget esti-
20 mate (including an estimate of the number and type of
21 personnel needs for the Institutes) for the initiatives of
22 the National Institutes of Health pursuant to this Act.”.

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