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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “United States Military  
3 Cancer Institute Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH BY UNITED STATES MILITARY CANCER**  
5 **INSTITUTE.**

6 (a) **FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES**  
7 **MILITARY CANCER INSTITUTE.**—(1) There is a United  
8 States Military Cancer Institute in the Uniformed Services  
9 University of the Health Sciences (USUHS).

10 (2) The Institute is composed of clinical and basic  
11 scientists in the Department of Defense who have an ex-  
12 pertise in research, patient care, and education relating  
13 to oncology and who meet applicable criteria for participa-  
14 tion in the Institute.

15 (3) The components of the Institute include military  
16 treatment and research facilities that meet applicable cri-  
17 teria and are designated as affiliates of the Institute.

18 (b) **RESEARCH.**—(1) The United States Military  
19 Cancer Institute shall carry out research studies on the  
20 following:

21 (A) The epidemiological features of cancer, in-  
22 cluding assessments of the carcinogenic effect of ge-  
23 netic and environmental factors, and of disparities in  
24 health, inherent or common among populations of  
25 various ethnic origins.

1           (B) The prevention and early detection of can-  
2           cer.

3           (C) Basic, translational, and clinical investiga-  
4           tion matters relating to the matters described in  
5           subparagraphs (A) and (B).

6           (2) The research studies under paragraph (1) shall  
7           include complementary research on oncologic nursing.

8           (e) COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH.—The United States  
9           Military Cancer Institute shall carry out the research  
10          studies under subsection (b) in collaboration with other  
11          cancer research organizations and entities selected by the  
12          Institute for purposes of the research studies.

13          (d) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than one year after the  
14          date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
15          the Director of the United States Military Cancer Insti-  
16          tute shall submit to the President of the Uniformed Serv-  
17          ices University of the Health Sciences a report on the re-  
18          sults of the research studies carried out under subsection  
19          (b).

20          (2) Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a re-  
21          port under paragraph (1), the President of the University  
22          shall transmit such report to Congress.

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