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To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance research, training, and health information dissemination with respect to urologic diseases, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEACH (for himself and Mr. GORDON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Training and Research
5 in Urology Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND HEALTH INFORMATION**
2 **DISSEMINATION WITH RESPECT TO URO-**
3 **LOGIC DISEASES.**

4 (a) DIVISION DIRECTOR OF UROLOGY.—Section 428
5 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285c–2) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and a Di-
8 vision Director for Kidney, Urologic, and Hemato-
9 logic Diseases” and inserting “a Division Director
10 for Urologic Diseases, and a Division Director for
11 Kidney and Hematologic Diseases”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) by striking “and the Division Director
14 for Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Dis-
15 eases” and inserting “the Division Director for
16 Urologic Diseases, and the Division Director for
17 Kidney and Hematologic Diseases”; and

18 (B) by striking “(1) carry out programs”
19 and all that follows through the end and insert-
20 ing the following:

21 “(1) carry out programs of support for research
22 and training (other than training for which National
23 Research Service Awards may be made under section
24 487) in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of
25 diabetes mellitus and endocrine and metabolic dis-
26 eases, digestive diseases and nutritional disorders,

1 and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, in-
2 cluding support for training in medical schools,
3 graduate clinical training (with particular attention
4 to programs geared to the needs of urology residents
5 and fellows), graduate training in epidemiology, epi-
6 demiology studies, clinical trials, and interdiscipli-
7 nary research programs;

8 “(2) establish programs of evaluation, planning,
9 and dissemination of knowledge related to such re-
10 search and training;

11 “(3) in cooperation with the urologic scientific
12 and patient community, develop and submit to the
13 Congress not later than January 1, 2008, a national
14 urologic research plan that identifies research needs
15 in the various areas of urologic diseases, including
16 pediatrics, interstitial cystitis, incontinence, stone
17 disease, urinary tract infections, and benign pros-
18 tatic diseases; and

19 “(4) in cooperation with the urologic scientific
20 and patient community, review the national urologic
21 research plan every 3 years beginning in 2011 and
22 submit to the Congress any revisions or additional
23 recommendations.”; and

24 (3) at the end of the section, by adding the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(c) There are authorized to be appropriated
2 \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010 to
3 carry out paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (b), and
4 such sums as may be necessary thereafter.”.

5 (b) UROLOGIC DISEASES DATA SYSTEM AND INFOR-
6 MATION CLEARINGHOUSE.—Section 427 of the Public
7 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285c–1) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c), by striking the terms
9 “and Urologic” and “and urologic” each place either
10 such term appears; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(d) The Director of the Institute shall—

13 “(1) establish the National Urologic Diseases
14 Data System for the collection, storage, analysis, re-
15 trieval, and dissemination of data derived from pa-
16 tient populations with urologic diseases, including,
17 where possible, data involving general populations
18 for the purpose of detection of individuals with a
19 risk of developing urologic diseases; and

20 “(2) establish the National Urologic Diseases
21 Information Clearinghouse to facilitate and enhance
22 knowledge and understanding of urologic diseases on
23 the part of health professionals, patients, and the
24 public through the effective dissemination of infor-
25 mation.”.

1 (c) STRENGTHENING THE UROLOGY INTERAGENCY
2 COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—Section 429 of the Public
3 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285c–3) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and a Kid-
5 ney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases Coordi-
6 nating Committee” and inserting “a Urologic Dis-
7 eases Interagency Coordinating Committee, and a
8 Kidney and Hematologic Diseases Interagency Co-
9 ordinating Committee”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the Chief
11 Medical Director of the Veterans’ Administration,”
12 and inserting “the Under Secretary for Health of
13 the Department of Veterans Affairs”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(e) The urology interagency coordinating committee
16 may encourage, conduct, or support intra- or interagency
17 activities in urology research, including joint training pro-
18 grams, joint research projects, planning activities, and
19 clinical trials.

20 “(f) For the purpose of carrying out the activities of
21 the Urologic Diseases Interagency Coordinating Com-
22 mittee, there are authorized to be appropriated
23 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010,
24 and such sums as may be necessary thereafter.”.

1 (d) NATIONAL UROLOGIC DISEASES ADVISORY
2 BOARD.—Section 430 of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 285c–4) is amended by striking “and the Na-
4 tional Kidney and Urologic Diseases Advisory Board” and
5 inserting “the National Urologic Diseases Advisory Board,
6 and the National Kidney Diseases Advisory Board”.

7 (e) EXPANSION OF O’BRIEN UROLOGIC DISEASE RE-
8 SEARCH CENTERS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section
10 431 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 285c–5(c)) is amended in the matter preceding para-
12 graph (1) by inserting “There shall be no fewer than
13 15 such centers focused exclusively on research of
14 various aspects of urologic diseases, including pedi-
15 atries, interstitial cystitis, incontinence, stone dis-
16 ease, urinary tract infections, and benign prostatic
17 diseases.” before “Each center developed”.

18 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
19 Section 431 of the Public Health Service Act (42
20 U.S.C. 285c–5) is amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(f) There are authorized to be appropriated for the
23 urologic disease research centers described in subsection
24 (c) \$22,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through
25 2010, and such sums as are necessary thereafter.”.

1 (3) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subsection (c)
 2 of section 431 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 3 U.S.C. 285c–5(c)) is amended at the beginning of
 4 the unnumbered paragraph—

5 (A) by striking “shall develop and con-
 6 duct” and inserting “(2) shall develop and con-
 7 duct”; and

8 (B) by aligning the indentation of such
 9 paragraph with the indentation of paragraphs
 10 (1), (3), and (4).

11 (f) SUBCOMMITTEE ON UROLOGIC DISEASES.—Sec-
 12 tion 432 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 285c–6) is amended by striking “and a subcommittee on
 14 kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases” and inserting
 15 “a subcommittee on urologic diseases, and a subcommittee
 16 on kidney and hematologic diseases”.

17 (g) LOAN REPAYMENT TO ENCOURAGE UROLOGISTS
 18 AND OTHER SCIENTISTS TO ENTER RESEARCH CA-
 19 REERS.—Subpart 3 of part C of title IV of the Public
 20 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285c et seq.) is amended
 21 by inserting after section 434A the following:

22 “LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR UROLOGY RESEARCH
 23 “SEC. 434B.

24 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.— Subject to subsection (b),
 25 the Secretary shall carry out a program of entering into
 26 contracts with appropriately qualified health professionals

1 or other qualified scientists under which such health pro-
2 fessionals or scientists agree to conduct research in the
3 field of urology, as employees of the National Institutes
4 of Health or of an academic department, division, or sec-
5 tion of urology, in consideration of the Federal Govern-
6 ment agreeing to repay, for each year of such research,
7 not more than \$35,000 of the principal and interest of
8 the educational loans of such health professionals or sci-
9 entists.

10 “(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not enter into
11 an agreement with a health professional or scientist pursu-
12 ant to subsection (a) unless the professional or scientist—

13 “(1) has a substantial amount of educational
14 loans relative to income; and

15 “(2) agrees to serve as an employee of the Na-
16 tional Institutes of Health or of an academic depart-
17 ment, division, or section of urology for purposes of
18 the research requirement of subsection (a) for a pe-
19 riod of not less than 3 years.

20 “(c) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—Ex-
21 cept as inconsistent with this section, the provisions of
22 subpart 3 of part D of title III apply to the program estab-
23 lished under subsection (a) in the same manner and to
24 the same extent as such provisions apply to the National

1 Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program estab-
2 lished under such subpart.”.

3 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
4 UROLOGY RESEARCH.—Subpart 3 of part C of title IV
5 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285c et seq.)
6 (as amended by subsection (g)) is further amended by in-
7 serting after section 434B the following:

8 “AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR UROLOGY
9 RESEARCH

10 “SEC. 434C. There are authorized to be appropriated
11 to the Director of NIH for the purpose of carrying out
12 intra- and interagency activities in urology research (in-
13 cluding training programs, joint research projects, and
14 joint clinical trials) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
15 2006 through 2010, and such sums as may be necessary
16 thereafter. Amounts authorized to be appropriated under
17 this section shall be in addition to amounts otherwise
18 available for such purpose.”.

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