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S. 2855

To require the Secretary to conduct a study and issue a report on the
affordability of insulin.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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report on the affordability of insulin.

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 “Insulin Affordability
5 Data Collection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE AFFORDABILITY OF**
7 **INSULIN.**

8 The Secretary of Health and Human Services (re-
9 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”), acting

1 through the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evalua-
2 tion, shall—

3 (1) conduct a study that examines—

4 (A) for each type or classification of diabe-
5 tes (including type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes,
6 gestational diabetes, and other conditions caus-
7 ing reliance on insulin), the effect of the afford-
8 ability of insulin on—

9 (i) adherence to insulin prescriptions;

10 (ii) rates of diabetic ketoacidosis;

11 (iii) downstream impacts of insulin
12 adherence, including rates of dialysis treat-
13 ment and end-stage renal disease;

14 (iv) spending by Federal health pro-
15 grams on acute episodes that could have
16 been averted by adhering to an insulin pre-
17 scription; and

18 (v) other factors, as appropriate, to
19 understand the impacts of insulin afford-
20 ability on health outcomes, Federal Gov-
21 ernment spending (including under the
22 Medicare program under title XVIII of the
23 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et
24 seq.) and the Medicaid program under title
25 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1396 et seq.)), and insured and uninsured
2 individuals with diabetes; and

3 (B) among individuals who are unable to
4 afford insulin, the numbers of such individ-
5 uals—

6 (i) who are uninsured;

7 (ii) who are covered under private
8 health insurance; and

9 (iii) who are covered under public
10 health insurance programs; and

11 (2) not later than 2 years after the date of en-
12 actment of this Act, submit to Congress a report on
13 the study conducted under paragraph (1).

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