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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for research, investigation, and awareness of the effect of personal care products containing endocrine-disrupting chemicals on the female reproductive system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWN (for herself, Mrs. McIVER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. PRESSLEY) 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 “Health and Endocrine
5 Research on personal care products for women Act” or
6 the “HER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH, INVESTIGATION, AND**
2 **AWARENESS REGARDING ENDOCRINE-DIS-**
3 **RUPTING CHEMICALS IN PERSONAL CARE**
4 **PRODUCTS.**

5 (a) RESEARCH GRANTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services, acting through the Director of the
8 National Institute of Environmental Health
9 Sciences, shall award grants for research on the im-
10 pact of personal care products containing endocrine-
11 disrupting chemicals on the female reproductive sys-
12 tem and related reproductive toxicity concerns.

13 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 5 years after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, and every 5 years
15 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Con-
16 gress, and make publicly available on the appro-
17 priate website of the Department of Health and
18 Human Services, a report based on the results of the
19 research under paragraph (1). Such report shall—

20 (A) outline research developments and
21 findings related to disparities in access to safe
22 non-endocrine-disrupting personal care prod-
23 ucts;

24 (B) list safe and harmful personal care
25 products, as determined by the Secretary; and

1 (C) include evidence-based or evidence-in-
2 formed legislative or administrative strategies
3 to increase the Food and Drug Administration's
4 domain to regulate personal care product ingre-
5 dients that are endocrine-disrupting chemicals
6 that harm women's reproductive health.

7 (b) STATE GRANTS FOR INVESTIGATION AND
8 AWARENESS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
10 grants to States for carrying out—

11 (A) programs to investigate the impact of
12 personal care products containing endocrine-dis-
13 rupting chemicals on women's reproductive
14 health; and

15 (B) programs to develop and implement
16 public awareness and education campaigns
17 about the use of alternative personal care prod-
18 ucts that are less harmful to human health.

19 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 5 years after the
20 initial awarding of grants under paragraph (1), and
21 every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit
22 to the Congress, and make publicly available on the
23 appropriate website of the Department of Health
24 and Human Services, a report summarizing the find-

1 ings and results of the programs and activities fund-
2 ed through the grants under paragraph (1).

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ENDOCRINE-DISRUPTING CHEMICAL.—The
5 term “endocrine-disrupting chemical” means a
6 chemical that mimics, blocks, or interferes with the
7 body’s hormones.

8 (2) PERSONAL CARE PRODUCT.—The term
9 “personal care product” means a product that—

10 (A) is a cosmetic (as defined in section 201
11 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
12 (21 U.S.C. 321)); and

13 (B) is intended to support the hygiene,
14 grooming, or other personal care of the human
15 body.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

18 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means—

19 (A) each of the several States, the District
20 of Columbia, and the territories of the United
21 States; and

22 (B) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization
23 (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the

- 1 Indian Self-Determination and Education As-
- 2 sistence Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

