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# S 1899

National Cancer Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Nov 20, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Nov 20, 2003)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]

Party: Republican • State: KS • Chamber: Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	$R \cdot NH$		Nov 20, 2003

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 20, 2003

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Health

# **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

National Cancer Act of 2003 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop an information-sharing plan for State cancer registries.

Modifies provisions concerning preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers to permit priority to be given to certain projects involving: (1) colorectal cancer screening and outreach; and (2) treating uninsured women diagnosed with cancer during such screening.

Authorizes specified waivers of the direct services requirement for breast and cervical cancer screening grants.

Authorizes the Secretary to award grants to eligible entities to educate cancer patients and their families about medical techniques to reduce and prevent pain, survivorship care and support programs, and related community resources.

Requires a national cancer research center to have a practitioner education program that includes pain and symptom management and survivorship care.

Amends various provisions of the Act to emphasize the importance of pain and symptom management throughout the nation's cancer programs.

Establishes within the National Cancer Institute (the NCI) an Office on Cancer Survivorship.

Authorizes the Director of NCI to co-fund grant projects for various cancer programs.

Expresses the sense of the Senate with respect to: (1) cancer survivorship; and (2) institutional review board procedures.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Nov 20, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Nov 20, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S15289)
- Nov 20, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.