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Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005

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Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 18, 2005
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship Last Action	
109 HR 810	Identical bill Jul 19, 2006: On motion to refer the bill and the accompanying veto message to the Comand Commerce. Agreed to without objection.	mittee on Energy

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2005)

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells, regardless of the date on which the stem cells were derived from a human embryo. Limits such research to stem cells that meet the following ethical requirements: (1) the stem cells were derived from human embryos donated from in vitro fertilization clinics for the purpose of fertility treatment and were in excess of the needs of the individuals seeking such treatment; (2) the embryos would never be implanted in a woman and would otherwise be discarded; and (3) such individuals donate the embryos with written informed consent and receive no financial or other inducements.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 28, 2005: Introduced in Senate
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