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Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007

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Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 27, 2007
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Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 27, 2007
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 27, 2007
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 27, 2007

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 7141	Related bill	Sep 26, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
110 S 5	Identical bill	Jun 20, 2007: Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk.
110 HR 3	Related bill	Jan 12, 2007: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 6.

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 - 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.

Requires the Secretary to develop techniques for the isolation, derivation, production, or testing of stem cells that are capable of producing all or almost all of the cell types of the developing body and may result in improved understanding of treatments for diseases and other adverse health conditions, but that are not derived from a human embryo. Requires the Secretary to: (1) provide guidance concerning the next steps required for additional research; (2) prioritize research with the greatest potential for near-term clinical benefit; and (3) take into account techniques outlined by the President's Council on Bioethics and any other appropriate techniques and research.

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