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S 2858

Brittany Wilkinson Mitochondrial Disease Research and Treatment Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
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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. (Dec 9, 2009)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]
Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 9, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 9, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 9, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 20, 2010
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2010
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2010
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 25, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 10, 2009

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3502	Related bill	**Sep 8, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Dec 9, 2009)

Brittany Wilkinson Mitochondrial Disease Research and Treatment Enhancement Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish the Office of Mitochondrial Disease within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Requires the Director of the Office to develop, make publicly available, and implement a written plan to facilitate and coordinate research into mitochondrial disease.

Authorizes the Director to award grants for: (1) integrated, multi-project research programs related to mitochondrial disease and planning activities associated with such programs; and (2) the establishment of Mitochondrial Disease Centers of Excellence to promote interdisciplinary research and training related to mitochondrial disease.

Requires the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish: (1) a national registry of medical information collected from patients with mitochondrial disease for research purposes; and (2) a national biodepository of tissues and DNA collected from patients with mitochondrial disease for research purposes.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 9, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12808-12809)
- **Dec 9, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.