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Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4808	Related bill	Mar 10, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
111 HR 873	Related bill	Feb 9, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2009 - 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 requirements: (1) the stem cells were derived from human embryos donated from in vitro fertilization clinics, were created for the purposes of fertility treatment, and were in excess of the needs of the individuals seeking such treatment; (2) prior to donation, it was determined that the embryos would never be implanted in a woman and would otherwise be discarded; and (3) the individuals seeking fertility treatment donated the embryos with written informed consent and received 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.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 26, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 26, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2562)
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