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Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Sep 19, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 733	Related bill	Sep 20, 2012: Received in the Senate.
112 S 3560	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to develop a scientific framework for research on recalcitrant cancers (cancer with a 5-year relative survival rate below 50%), which includes: (1) a review of the status of research, such as a summary of findings, identification of promising scientific advances, a description of the availability of qualified scientific researchers, and the identification of resources available to facilitate research; (2) identification of research questions that have not been adequately addressed; and (3) recommendations for actions to advance research and for appropriate benchmarks to measure progress on achieving such actions. Requires the Director to develop the framework within 18 months and review and update it every 5 years.

Requires the Director to identify within 6 months 2 or more recalcitrant cancers that have a 5-year relative survival rate of less than 20%, and are estimated to cause the death of at least 30,000 individuals in the United States per year. Authorizes the Director to identify additional such cancers and to consider additional metrics of progress (such as incidence and mortality rates) against such cancer.

Requires the Director to convene a working group for each identified cancer to provide expertise on, and assist in developing, a scientific framework under this Act.

Requires the Director to consider each relevant scientific framework developed under this Act when making recommendations for exception funding for grant applications.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Harkin. Without written report.
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