

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Health Care

**Brief Description:** Requesting additional funds for prostate cancer research.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kohl-Welles, Deccio, Thibaudeau, Winsley, Prentice, Hale, Patterson, Wojahn, Loveland, Shin, B. Sheldon, Benton, Spanel, Fairley, T. Sheldon, Bauer, Jacobsen, Eide, Gardner, Franklin, Fraser, Kline, McCaslin, Johnson, Oke, Rasmussen, Costa and McAuliffe.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Health Care: 3/18/99, 4/1/99 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Prostate cancer is a serious disease among men.
- The federal government is asked to allocate more funding for prostate cancer research.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Staff:** Antonio Sanchez (786-7383).

**Background:**

(Based on national cancer research)

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer (excluding skin cancer) of American men. In 1998 about 185,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, exceeded only by lung cancer. Thirty-nine thousand men in the United States are projected to die of this disease during 1999. African-American men have the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any population of men in the world today.

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**Summary of Bill:**

President Clinton and Congress are asked to support increased federal funding for prostate cancer research.

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**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.