

FINAL BILL REPORT

HJM 4006

Brief Description: Encouraging greater federal funding of research into finding the cause, prevention, and cure for breast cancer.

Sponsors: Representatives Mitchell, Ogden, Sehlin, Robertson, Pennington, Lambert, Carrell, Ballasiotes, Radcliff, Delvin, Conway, Hankins, K. Schmidt, Zellinsky, Dyer, Sterk, Sump, Thompson, D. Sommers, Dickerson, Kenney, Cody, Mason, Mielke, Boldt, Costa, Scott, Cole, Johnson, Parlette, Cairnes, O'Brien, Lantz, Hickel, Anderson, Poulsen, Van Luven, Backlund, D. Schmidt, Romero, Alexander, Constantine, Morris, Fisher, Quall, Murray, Hatfield, Kessler, Blalock, DeBolt, L. Thomas, Carlson, Keiser, Wensman, Butler, Cooke, Linville, Sheldon, Gardner, Sullivan, Wolfe, Talcott, Cooper, Chopp, Gombosky, Regala and Doumit.

Background: Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer found in women in the United States. Nationally over 180,200 cases of new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and nearly 44,000 women will die from the disease. An estimated 1,400 cases will be diagnosed among men nationally. Almost 4,000 women in Washington will be diagnosed with breast cancer and of that number more than 1,000 will lose their lives. While there is no cure for breast cancer, if detected early, it can often be treated effectively. Although some risk factors have been identified, over seventy percent of cases occur in women with no identifiable risk factors. Despite the high breast cancer rate and lack of information about a cause of breast cancer, national funding for breast cancer research has not been increased.

Summary: The Washington State Legislature requests the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress to work with cancer activists and recommit to eradicating breast cancer by investing \$2.6 billion in breast cancer research by the year 2000.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0
Senate 45 0