

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HJM 4004

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**

Health Care

**Brief Description:** Urging support of prostate cancer research.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dickerson, Cody, Skinner, O'Brien, Veloria, Kessler, McIntire, Wood, Lovick, Romero, Conway, Ruderman, Hurst and Kenney.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Health Care: 1/28/99, 2/9/99 [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

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Cody, Democratic Co-Chair; Parlette, Republican Co-Chair; Pflug, Republican Vice Chair; Schual-Berke, Democratic Vice Chair; Alexander; Boldt; Campbell; Conway; Edmonds; Edwards; Mulliken and Ruderman.

**Staff:** Bill Hagens (786-7131).

**Background:** Based on national cancer research: Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers of American men; it is estimated that in 1999, about 179,300 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; 37,000 men in the United States are projected to die of this disease during 1999; and African-American men have the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any population of men in the world today.

**Summary of Bill:**

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

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Testimony For:** Prostate cancer is a major threat to men's health. More money should be spent on prostate cancer research.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Dickerson, prime sponsor; Karen McDonell, Public Advocate; Frank Kirk and Pearlline Dottin, American Cancer Society; and Paul Sanders, Puget Sound American Cancer Society Task Force on Prostate Cancer.