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Mr. HATFIELD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the  
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on  
Labor and Human Resources

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## A BILL

To establish a commission to be known as the Harold  
Hughes Commission on Alcoholism.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Harold Hughes Com-  
5       mission on Alcoholism Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7       There is established a commission to be known as the  
8       Harold Hughes Commission on Alcoholism (in this Act re-  
9       ferred to as the “Commission”).

1 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall carry out  
3 the following studies of alcoholism:

4 (1) A study of existing Federal governmental  
5 agencies and programs related to alcoholism to de-  
6 termine how such programs and agencies could be  
7 better designed or coordinated in order to increase  
8 the effectiveness of the funds allocated to them.

9 (2) A study of how existing government agen-  
10 cies could be more effectively utilized to educate the  
11 American public about the known social and finan-  
12 cial costs of alcoholism; and how such agencies could  
13 work more effectively with private sector groups to  
14 better educate the American people about alcohol-  
15 ism, its prevention, and treatment.

16 (3) A study of the nature and extent of instruc-  
17 tion on alcoholism provided to physicians in Amer-  
18 ican medical schools and through the certification  
19 and re-certification process in the various States, in-  
20 cluding an examination of the requirements for ac-  
21 creditation of medical schools as they relate to alco-  
22 holism.

23 (4) A study of unmet research needs in the area  
24 of alcoholism, and how research money can be  
25 prioritized for best results and appropriate research

1 funding levels in view of the size and scope of the  
2 alcoholism problem.

3 (5) A study of the effectiveness of the various  
4 forms of alcoholism treatment and the cost-effective-  
5 ness of increasing access to public and private treat-  
6 ment for those with alcoholism including the role of  
7 managed care.

8 (6) Such other studies as the Commission de-  
9 termines to be appropriate.

10 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than two years after the  
11 date on which amounts under section 8 are first made  
12 available for carrying out this Act, the Commission shall  
13 submit to the President and the Congress a report describ-  
14 ing the findings made in studies under subsection (a). The  
15 Commission may submit to the President and the Con-  
16 gress such interim reports regarding the duties of the  
17 Commission under such subsection as the Commission de-  
18 termines to be appropriate.

19 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

20 (a) COMPOSITION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
22 composed of 12 voting members appointed in accord-  
23 ance with paragraph (2) and one ex officio voting  
24 member designated in paragraph (3).

1           (2) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—Members of the  
2 Commission shall be appointed in accordance with  
3 the following:

4           (A) The President shall appoint four indi-  
5 viduals from among individuals who are not of-  
6 ficers or employees of the Federal Government.

7 Of such individuals—

8           (i) one shall represent the medical  
9 profession and teaching hospitals;

10           (ii) one shall represent employee as-  
11 sistance programs;

12           (iii) one shall represent entities that  
13 provide health insurance or operate health  
14 plans; and

15           (iv) one shall represent entities that  
16 provide treatment for alcoholism.

17           (B) The President Pro Tempore of the  
18 Senate shall, after consultation with the major-  
19 ity and minority leaders of the Senate, appoint  
20 four individuals. Of such individuals—

21           (i) two shall be Senators; and

22           (ii) two shall be appointed from  
23 among individuals who are not officers or  
24 employees of the Federal Government.

1           (C) The Speaker of the House of Rep-  
2           resentatives shall, after consultation with the  
3           majority and minority leaders of the House, ap-  
4           point four individuals. Of such individuals—

5                   (i) two shall be Members of the  
6           House; and

7                   (ii) two shall be appointed from  
8           among individuals who are not officers or  
9           employees of the Federal Government.

10           (3) EX OFFICIO MEMBER.—The Director of the  
11           National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse  
12           shall serve as an ex officio member of the Commis-  
13           sion.

14           (b) CHAIR.—The President shall designate a member  
15           of the Commission to serve as the chair of the Commis-  
16           sion. The Chair shall be a member who was appointed to  
17           the Commission from among individuals who were not offi-  
18           cers or employees of the Federal Government.

19           (c) TERMS.—The term of a member of the Commis-  
20           sion is the duration of the Commission.

21           (d) VACANCIES.—

22                   (1) AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION.—A vacancy in  
23           the membership of the Commission does not affect  
24           the power of the remaining members to carry out  
25           the duties under section 3.

1           (2) APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSORS.—A vacancy  
2           in the membership of the Commission shall be filled  
3           in the manner in which the original appointment was  
4           made.

5           (3) INCOMPLETE TERM.—If a member of the  
6           Commission does not serve the full term applicable  
7           to the member, the individual appointed to fill the  
8           resulting vacancy shall be appointed for the remain-  
9           der of the term of the predecessor of the individual.

10          (d) MEETINGS.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall meet  
12           at the call of the Chair or a majority of the mem-  
13           bers, except that not less than two meetings shall be  
14           held each year for the duration of the Commission.

15           (2) QUORUM.—A quorum for meetings of the  
16           Commission is constituted by the presence of 7  
17           members, except that a lesser number may conduct  
18           hearings under section 6(a).

19          (e) COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT OF EX-  
20          PENSES.—

21           (1) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commis-  
22           sion may not receive compensation for service on the  
23           Commission, subject to paragraph (2).

24           (2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Members of the Com-  
25           mission may, in accordance with chapter 57 of title

1       5, United States Code, be reimbursed for travel,  
2       subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred  
3       in carrying out the duties of the Commission.

4 **SEC. 5. STAFF AND CONSULTANTS.**

5       (a) STAFF.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may ap-  
7       point and determine the compensation of such staff  
8       as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the  
9       Commission, including an executive director. Such  
10      appointments and compensation may be made with-  
11      out regard to the provisions of title 5, United States  
12      Code, that govern appointments in the competitive  
13      services, and the provisions of chapter 51 and sub-  
14      chapter III of chapter 53 of such title that relate to  
15      classifications and the General Schedule pay rates.

16          (2) LIMITATION.—Staff members appointed  
17      under paragraph (1) may not be compensated in ex-  
18      cess of the maximum rate of basic pay payable for  
19      GS-15, except that the executive director may not  
20      be compensated in an amount exceeding the maxi-  
21      mum rate of basic pay payable under the General  
22      Schedule for positions above GS-15.

23          (b) CONSULTANTS.—The Commission may procure  
24      such temporary and intermittent services of consultants  
25      under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, as

1 the Commission may determine to be useful in carrying  
2 out the duties under section 3. The Commission may not  
3 procure services under this subsection at any rate in ex-  
4 cess of the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate  
5 of basic pay payable under the General Schedule for posi-  
6 tions above GS-15. Consultants under this subsection  
7 may, in accordance with chapter 57 of title 5, United  
8 States Code, be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and  
9 other necessary expenses incurred for activities carried out  
10 on behalf of the Commission pursuant to section 3.

11 **SEC. 6. POWERS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of carrying out  
13 the duties of the Commission under section 3, the Com-  
14 mission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times  
15 and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence  
16 as the Commission considers appropriate.

17 (b) OBTAINING OFFICIAL INFORMATION.—Upon the  
18 request of the Commission, the heads of Federal agencies  
19 shall furnish directly to the Commission information nec-  
20 essary for the Commission to carry out the duties under  
21 section 3.

22 (c) USE OF MAILS.—The Commission may use the  
23 United States mails in the same manner and under the  
24 same conditions as Federal agencies.

1 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—Upon  
2 the request of the Commission, the Administrator of Gen-  
3 eral Services shall provide to the Commission on a reim-  
4 bursable basis such administrative support, including  
5 quarters for the Commission, as may be necessary for the  
6 Commission to carry out the duties under section 3.

7 (e) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—The Commission may  
8 accept cash and in-kind contributions to the Commission  
9 for the purpose of carrying out the activities of the Com-  
10 mission.

11 **SEC. 7. DURATION OF COMMISSION.**

12 The Commission terminates upon the expiration of  
13 the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the final  
14 report is submitted under section 3(b).

15 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 For the purpose of carrying out this Act, there is au-  
17 thorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000. Amounts appro-  
18 priated under the preceding sentence are available until  
19 the termination of the Commission under section 7.

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