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Special Diabetes Program for Indians Introduced in the Senate

On March 2, 2010, Senator Dorgan (D-ND) and 18 other Senators introduced legislation (S 3058) to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and the Special Diabetes Program for Type I Diabetes (Type I Program). The bill, which is identical to HR 3668 introduced by Representative DeGette (D-CO) in September 2009, would provide additional funds for both the SDPI and Type I programs as follows:

- SDPI program would receive \$200 million per year in FYs 2012 through 2016, which is \$50 million more than the current annual funding level.
- The Type I Program would receive \$200 million per year for the same period, which is also a \$50 million annual increase.

Funding for these programs is on an entitlement basis, which means the monies are not subject to the appropriations process. The SDPI funds are distributed through the Indian Health Service.

Joining Senator Dorgan as original cosponsors were Senators Collins (R-ME); Baucus (R-WY); Inouye (D-HI); Lincoln (D-AR); Hatch (R-UT); Stabenow (D-MI); Schumer (D-NY); Durbin (D-IL); Bunning (R-KY); Cochran (R-MS); Crapo (R-ID); Grassley (R-IA); Johanns (R-NE); Murkowski (R-AK); Shaheen (D-NH); Warner (D-VA); Barrasso (R-WY); and Bingaman (D-NM).

S 3058 was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The House bill (HR 3668) was referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee but no action has been taken on the bill as of this date.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information regarding the SDPI legislation.

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