

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MAY 15, 2023

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to enact legislation requiring
Medicare to cover multi-cancer early detection tests.
(BDR R-1191)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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legislation requiring Medicare to cover multi-cancer early
detection tests.

1 WHEREAS, Detecting cancer early, before it spreads throughout
2 the body, saves lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Diagnosing and treating cancer early often allows for
4 less invasive and less expensive treatments than when cancer is
5 diagnosed and treated later; and

6 WHEREAS, Beneficiaries of Medicare in Nevada currently have
7 access to screening tests for the early detection of only five different
8 types of cancers; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 5,850
10 residents of Nevada will die of cancer in 2023 and that there are no
11 effective screening tests for 6 of the 10 types of cancers that cause
12 the most such deaths; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute, age is the
14 most important risk factor for being diagnosed with cancer, and
15 because Medicare beneficiaries are predominantly older persons,
16 Medicare beneficiaries are at an elevated risk for cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, Several companies and academic researchers are
18 developing and studying tests that are capable of detecting multiple
19 types of cancer from a single sample of blood, which are known as
20 multi-cancer early detection tests; and



1 WHEREAS, Dr. Minetta C. Liu et al. coauthored “Sensitive and
2 specific multi-cancer detection and localization using methylation
3 signatures in cell-free DNA” in the June 2020 publication of *Annals*
4 *of Oncology*, which found that multi-cancer early detection tests are
5 able to detect more than 50 types of cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Multi-cancer early detection tests supplement other
7 screening tests and help diagnose types of cancer for which no
8 screening tests are currently recommended; and

9 WHEREAS, Nevada Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky
10 Rosen and Representatives Mark Amodei, Steven Horsford and
11 Dina Titus joined a bipartisan group of over 300 cosponsors and 400
12 stakeholder organizations from across the country in supporting the
13 Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
16 NEVADA, JOINTLY, To urge the bipartisan leadership of the 118th
17 Congress of the United States to enact legislation establishing the
18 Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act or
19 similar legislation to establish coverage for multi-cancer early
20 detection tests under Medicare; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the members of the 82nd Session of the
22 Nevada Legislature do hereby urge the 118th Congress of the
23 United States to work in a bipartisan manner to reduce deaths from
24 cancer in Nevada; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
26 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
27 States, the Governor of Nevada, the Vice President of the United
28 States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the
29 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada
30 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
32 passage.

