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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the feasibility of developing an accurate and reliable standardized test for detecting tuberculosis in tissue from a human cadaver, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. MOOLENAAR (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Shandra Eisenga TB
5 Study Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. NIH STUDY ON DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED**
2 **TUBERCULOSIS TEST FOR HUMAN CADAVER**
3 **TISSUE.**

4 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
7 retary”) shall conduct a comprehensive study on the feasi-
8 bility of developing an accurate and reliable standardized
9 test, or testing strategy, for detecting tuberculosis in tis-
10 sue from a human cadaver (in this section referred to as
11 a “TB test”) for the purpose of improving donor screen-
12 ing, transplant safety, and the integrity of organ and tis-
13 sue donation systems.

14 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct
15 the study under subsection (a) in consultation with—

16 (1) the Director of the National Institutes of
17 Health;

18 (2) the Director of the Centers for Disease
19 Control and Prevention;

20 (3) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs;

21 (4) the Administrator of the Health Resources
22 and Services Administration; and

23 (5) relevant stakeholders that have experience
24 with tissue or organ donations and post-mortem sys-
25 tems, including organ procurement organizations
26 and tissue banks.

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
2 section (a), the Secretary may include, as appropriate—

3 (1) assess the current state of scientific knowl-
4 edge and any research gap related to TB tests;

5 (2) evaluate methodologies for testing tissue
6 from a human cadaver;

7 (3) consider any issue related to implementing
8 such a methodology with respect to a TB test, in-
9 cluding specimen collection, timing requirements for
10 testing, quality assurance, and biosafety;

11 (4) assess the feasibility of conducting pilot and
12 implementation studies on TB tests using tissue col-
13 lected from—

14 (A) individuals across diverse populations,
15 including high-risk and underserved commu-
16 nities; and

17 (B) multiple clinical and tissue recovery
18 sites, including hospitals, organ procurement
19 organizations, tissue banks, and offices of med-
20 ical examiners;

21 (5) develop recommendations for interagency
22 coordination, as appropriate, to support the valida-
23 tion, review, and implementation of a TB test; and

1 (6) identify any additional scientific, oper-
2 ational, or regulatory barrier to the development and
3 implementation of a TB test.

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
6 Congress a report describing—

7 (1) the findings and conclusions of the Sec-
8 retary based on the study; and

9 (2) a recommendation for developing and imple-
10 menting a TB test, including any congressional or
11 regulatory action necessary to address any barrier to
12 such development or implementation.

13 (e) FUNDING.—For each of fiscal years 2027 through
14 2031, the Secretary may use amounts appropriated to
15 support the Department of Health and Human Services
16 to carry out this section, subject to the availability of ap-
17 propriations.

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