

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 5, 2011

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on HB 5303, same being:

An act relating to biomedical research.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 5303, relating to biomedical research, provides for the following:

- Revises provisions of s. 216.5602, F.S. (12) as follows:
 - Modifies the amount of revenue from the cigarette surcharge deposited in the Health Care Trust Fund to be reserved and subsequently transferred to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health from \$50 million to \$25 million beginning in the 2011-2012 fiscal year .
 - Decreases the amount of funding provided to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program from \$20 to \$5 million subject to an annual appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.
 - Decreases the amount of funding provided to the William G. “Bill” Bankhead Coley Cancer Research Program from \$20 to \$5 million subject to an annual appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.
 - Decreases the amount of funding provided to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Program from \$10 to \$5 million subject to an annual appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.
 - Provides \$5 million for the Sylvester Cancer Center at the University of Miami subject to an annual appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.
 - Provides \$5 million for the Shands Cancer Hospital at the University of Florida subject to an annual appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.
- The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2011.