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S. 2797

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2008

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009 MAJOR**
4 **MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

5 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
6 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year
7 2009, with each project to be carried out in the amount
8 specified for each project:

1 (1) Construction of an 80-bed replacement fa-
2 cility in Palo Alto, California, to replace a seis-
3 mically unsafe acute psychiatric inpatient building,
4 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000,000.

5 (2) Construction of an outpatient clinic to meet
6 the increased demand for diagnostic procedures, am-
7 bulatory surgery, and specialty care in Lee County,
8 Florida, in an amount not to exceed \$131,800,000.

9 (3) Seismic corrections to Building 1 at the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San
11 Juan, Puerto Rico, in an amount not to exceed
12 \$225,900,000.

13 (4) Construction of a facility for a state-of-the-
14 art polytrauma healthcare and rehabilitation center
15 in San Antonio, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
16 \$66,000,000.

17 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR MAJOR MED-**
18 **ICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**
19 **PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.**

20 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
21 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year
22 2009, as originally authorized by section 801 of the Vet-
23 erans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology
24 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–461; 120 Stat. 3442) and

1 as follows with each project to be carried out in the
2 amount specified for that project:

3 (1) Replacement of the Department of Veterans
4 Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, in an
5 amount not to exceed \$769,200,000.

6 (2) Restoration, new construction, or replace-
7 ment of the medical center facility for the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, New Orle-
9 ans, Louisiana, due to damage from Hurricane
10 Katrina, in an amount not to exceed \$625,000,000.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009 MAJOR MED-**
12 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

13 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
14 following major medical facility leases in fiscal year 2009
15 at the locations specified, and in an amount for each lease
16 not to exceed the amount shown for each such location:

17 (1) For an outpatient clinic, Brandon, Florida,
18 \$4,326,000.

19 (2) For a community-based outpatient clinic,
20 Colorado Springs, Colorado, \$3,995,000.

21 (3) For an outpatient clinic, Eugene, Oregon,
22 \$5,826,000.

23 (4) For expansion of an outpatient clinic, Green
24 Bay, Wisconsin, \$5,891,000.

1 (5) For an outpatient clinic, Greenville, South
2 Carolina, \$3,731,000.

3 (6) For a community-based outpatient clinic,
4 Mansfield, Ohio, \$2,212,000.

5 (7) For a satellite outpatient clinic, Mayaguez,
6 Puerto Rico, \$6,276,000.

7 (8) For a community-based outpatient clinic for
8 Southeast Phoenix, Mesa, Arizona, \$5,106,000.

9 (9) For interim research space, Palo Alto, Cali-
10 fornia, \$8,636,000.

11 (10) For expansion of a community-based out-
12 patient clinic, Savannah, Georgia, \$3,168,000.

13 (11) For a community-based outpatient clinic
14 for Northwest Phoenix, Sun City, Arizona,
15 \$2,295,000.

16 (12) For a primary care annex, Tampa, Flor-
17 ida, \$8,652,000.

18 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
20 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.—There is author-
21 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Af-
22 fairs for fiscal year 2009 for the Construction, Major
23 Projects, account—

24 (1) \$477,700,000 for the projects authorized in
25 section 1; and

1 (2) \$1,394,200,000 for projects whose author-
2 ization is extended by section 2.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MED-
4 ICAL FACILITY LEASES.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year
6 2009 for the Medical Facilities account, \$60,114,000 for
7 the leases authorized in section 3.

8 (c) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sections
9 1 and 2 may only be carried out using—

10 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2009 pur-
11 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-
12 section (a) of this section;

13 (2) funds available for Construction, Major
14 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2009
15 that remain available for obligation;

16 (3) funds available for Construction, Major
17 Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2009 that
18 remain available for obligation;

19 (4) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
20 Projects, for fiscal year 2009 for a category of activ-
21 ity not specific to a project;

22 (5) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
23 Projects, for a fiscal year before 2009 for a category
24 of activity not specific to a project; and

1 (6) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
2 Projects, for a fiscal year after 2009 for a category
3 of activity not specific to a project.

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