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## Isakson Fiscal Year 2015 Federal Requests

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., today announced the fiscal year 2015 requests for Georgia projects or programs that he has submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Isakson believes increased transparency and disclosure are essential to the process.

Requests are listed in alphabetical order. This list will be updated as Isakson submits additional requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

### AGRICULTURE:

- **Rural Utilities Service (RUS) electric loans, letter of support**  
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### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE:

- **Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, letter of support**  
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### INTERIOR:

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund and Forest Legacy Program, letter of support**  
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- **State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program, letter of support**  
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### FOREIGN OPS:

- **Maternal and Children Health and Nutrition programs, letter of support**  
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- **President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, letter of support**  
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### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION:

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Advanced Molecular Detection Initiative/Food Safety Modernization Act/Cancer Division, letter of support**

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- **Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program (CHGME), letter of support**  
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- **Community Health Centers, letter of support**  
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### **Centers for Disease Control**

The Committee encourages additional surveillance by CDC of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) and related disorders toward understanding how the various manifestations of TSC, and the clinical management thereof, impact health outcomes and quality of life. Because TSC is a leading genetic cause of more prevalent neurological disorders such as autism and epilepsy, the Committee encourages CDC to focus resources on improving diagnosis, surveillance and management of TSC as a model for methods that can be applied to more prevalent related disorders.

- **Federal Impact Aid Program, letter of support**  
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- **Fragile X Research, letter of support**  
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- **National Institutes of Health, letter of support**  
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### **National Institutes of Health**

*Minority Participation in Clinical Trials.*—The Committee is concerned that African-Americans and other minority groups have disproportionately high cancer rates while their enrollment in clinical trials remains disproportionately low. Only 2 to 4 percent of African-American cancer patients enroll in trials, a rate well below the average. Without more diverse participation, it can be difficult to determine whether new therapies will be safe or effective for patient groups that are not well represented in the clinical trial population. African-Americans represent only 5 percent of total clinical trial participation, making conclusions for this population nearly impossible. Therefore, the Committee encourages NCI to take all possible steps to expand the enrollment of African-American and other minority patients in clinical trials, particularly trials of novel immune therapeutics and molecularly targeted therapies.

*Behavioral Research and Cancer.*— The Committee urges NCI to prioritize research on how to prevent disease and increase early detection in minority and disadvantaged populations facing significant cancer health disparities.

*Research Centers in Minority Institutions* – Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) play a critical role, especially at the graduate level, in addressing the health research and training needs of the nation. The NIH is expected to maintain a robust level of support for the RCMI program.

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