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# H. R. 5087

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a two-year pilot project on medical care outreach for veterans in the State of Washington.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2002

Mr. LARSEN of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. PILOT PROJECT ON MEDICAL CARE OUTREACH**  
4 **FOR VETERANS IN THE STATE OF WASH-**  
5 **INGTON THROUGH OUTREACH CLINICS.**

6 (a) PILOT PROJECT.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
7 fairs shall, during fiscal years 2003 and 2004, carry out  
8 a pilot project to assess the feasibility and advisability of  
9 providing outreach on health care and services for vet-  
10 erans in the State of Washington through outreach clinics.

1 (b) COMMENCEMENT.—The Secretary shall com-  
2 mence the pilot project not later than 90 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (c) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out the  
5 pilot project at two clinics in the State of Washington se-  
6 lected by the Secretary for purposes of the pilot project,  
7 of which—

8 (1) one clinic shall be located in Whatcom  
9 County, Washington; and

10 (2) one clinic shall be located in north central  
11 Washington, in or near Leavenworth, Washington.

12 (d) SERVICES.—(1) At each clinic selected for the  
13 pilot project, the Secretary shall provide basic health care  
14 services (as determined by the Secretary for purposes of  
15 the pilot project) to veterans, including diagnosis and re-  
16 ferral to other health care facilities of the Department of  
17 Veterans Affairs as appropriate.

18 (2) The Secretary shall provide services at each clinic  
19 selected for the pilot project not less frequently than one  
20 day each week.

21 (e) REPORT.—Not later than June 1, 2004, the Sec-  
22 retary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs  
23 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report  
24 on the pilot project. The report shall include—

1           (1) a description of the pilot project, including  
2           for each clinic selected for the pilot project the per-  
3           sonnel utilized, the patient workload, and the costs;  
4           and

5           (2) a recommendation for such modifications or  
6           expansion of the pilot project as the Secretary con-  
7           siders appropriate in light of the pilot project.

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