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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1546

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State of Washington

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Casada, Goldsmith, Padden, Stevens, Boldt, Sherstad, Johnson, Fuhrman, Backlund, McMahan, D. Schmidt and Koster)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing incidents of breast cancer linked to  
2 abortion; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a  
5 serious problem of increasing incidents of breast cancer in the United  
6 States; and that virtually every known risk factor for breast cancer  
7 involves elevated levels of estrogen.

8 The legislature further finds that the first trimester of pregnancy  
9 is a time of very high estrogen concentrations in a woman's body, and  
10 that although abortion before the first live birth has been linked to  
11 an increased risk of breast cancer in over twenty published articles in  
12 reputable journals, more information is required to assess and act upon  
13 these findings.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall contract with  
15 a recognized regional cancer research institution to provide a summary  
16 of research that links spontaneous and induced abortion to breast

1 cancer and report its findings to appropriate committees of the house  
2 of representatives and the senate by December 12, 1995.

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