
HOUSE BILL 2218

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Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to the cancer coordination and control advisory
2 committee; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that over eight
6 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with cancer at
7 some point in their lives; that approximately one hundred seven billion
8 dollars are spent on medical care to treat this disease; that a
9 comprehensive approach to cancer is needed that will be more responsive
10 to the issue than a piecemeal approach; and that a comprehensive
11 approach to cancer will enable Washington state to choose where to
12 focus health promotion resources, set statewide priorities, and build
13 a coordinated team of educators, institutions, and organizations.

14 The legislature further finds that the formation and development of
15 an advisory committee on comprehensive cancer coordination and control
16 is an important part of the legislature's goal to positively impact the
17 overall health and well-being of its citizens.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) For the purposes of this section, "a comprehensive approach to
4 cancer" means an integrated and coordinated approach to reduce the
5 incidence, morbidity, mortality, and family anguish of cancer through
6 prevention, early detection, and timely treatment.

7 (2) The advisory committee on cancer coordination and control is
8 established in the department. The committee may have no more than
9 twenty members, including the secretary or the secretary's designee who
10 shall serve as chair. The committee must meet at least quarterly in
11 its first year and at least annually thereafter. Four of the members
12 of the committee must be legislators, one appointed by each caucus of
13 the house of representatives and senate. The remainder of the members
14 shall be included but not limited to the following: Cancer survivors,
15 public and private health plans, advocacy organizations, research
16 groups, hospitals, local public health officials, physicians, nurses,
17 and employers.

18 (3) Except for the secretary, members of the committee serve four-
19 year terms. Of the initial members, five must be appointed for a one-
20 year term, five must be appointed for a two-year term, five must be
21 appointed for a three-year term, and five must be appointed for a four-
22 year term. Members may succeed themselves for one term and may be
23 appointed again after being off the committee for one term.

24 (4) The committee must recommend to the secretary a plan for the
25 statewide implementation of an interagency comprehensive coordinated
26 cancer control program that includes but is not limited to:

27 (a) Identifying and examining the limitations and problems
28 associated with existing laws, rules, programs, and services related to
29 cancer control;

30 (b) Examining the awareness of, access to, and financing of cancer
31 control services for Washington's citizens, with attention paid to the
32 uninsured and underinsured, and regional, urban, and rural differences;

33 (c) Advising the secretary on a coordinated, effective, and
34 efficient use of resources;

35 (d) Identifying and reviewing health promotion and disease
36 prevention strategies relating to the leading causes of cancer
37 mortality and morbidity; and

38 (e) Supporting and encouraging state research efforts to find a
39 cure for cancer.

1 (5) The department must submit a written report not later than
2 twelve months after the effective date of this section to the governor
3 and the legislature. The report must address a written plan, including
4 policy recommendations, for statewide implementation of a coordinated
5 cancer control program.

6 (6) Annual reports must then be submitted thereafter to highlight
7 plan implementation.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
9 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
10 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
11 persons or circumstances is not affected.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 immediately.

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