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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Snyder, Long, Winsley, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Hargrove, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to recalled infant and child products; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.70 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that infants and
5 children in Washington are injured, sometimes fatally, by unsafe
6 consumer products designed for use by infants and children.

7 (2) The legislature finds that parents and other persons
8 responsible for the care of infants and children are often unaware that
9 some of these consumer products have been recalled or are unsafe.

10 (3) The legislature intends to address this lack of awareness by
11 establishing a statewide infant and children product safety campaign
12 across Washington state.

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

15 (1) The legislature authorizes the secretary to establish and
16 maintain a product safety education campaign to promote greater
17 awareness of products designed to be used by infants and children,
18 excluding toys, that:

1 (a) Are recalled by the United States consumer products safety
2 commission;

3 (b) Do not meet federal safety regulations and voluntary safety
4 standards; or

5 (c) Are unsafe or illegal to place into the stream of commerce
6 under the infant crib safety act, chapter 70.111 RCW.

7 (2) The department shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that
8 this infant and children product safety education campaign reaches the
9 target population. The target population for this campaign includes,
10 but is not limited to, parents, foster parents and other caregivers,
11 child care providers, consignment and resale stores selling infant and
12 child products, and charitable and governmental entities serving
13 infants, children, and families.

14 (3) The secretary may utilize a combination of methods to achieve
15 this outreach and education goal, including but not limited to print
16 and electronic media. The secretary may operate the campaign or may
17 contract with a vendor.

18 (4) The department shall coordinate this infant and children
19 product safety education campaign with child-serving entities
20 including, but not limited to, hospitals, birthing centers, midwives,
21 pediatricians, obstetricians, family practice physicians, governmental
22 and private entities serving infants, children, and families, and
23 relevant manufacturers.

24 (5) The department shall coordinate with other agencies and
25 entities to eliminate duplication of effort in disseminating infant and
26 children consumer product safety information.

27 (6) The department may receive funding for this infant and children
28 product safety education effort from federal, state, and local
29 governmental entities, child-serving foundations, or other private
30 sources.

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