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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6270**

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**By** Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Keiser, Dammeier, Cleveland, Bailey, Fain, Parlette, Schoesler, Conway, Warnick, Frockt, Brown, O'Ban, Rolfes, McAuliffe, Mullet, and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/16.

1 AN ACT Relating to prenatal vitamin coverage; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Research has shown that taking folic acid  
5 before getting pregnant and in early pregnancy lowers the risk of  
6 having a baby with certain birth defects. This research finding led  
7 to the advice that all women who can get pregnant should take four  
8 hundred micrograms of folic acid daily. The United States preventive  
9 services task force recommends that all women planning or capable of  
10 pregnancy take a daily supplement containing folic acid prior to  
11 pregnancy.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 The authority shall provide prenatal vitamins for all women that  
15 may become pregnant consistent with the United States preventive  
16 services task force recommendations. Programs not governed by 42  
17 U.S.C. Sec. 1396d(13) shall follow the task force recommendations in  
18 place upon the effective date of this section.

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