

**ESHB 1523 - S AMD 730**

By Senator Padden

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1 On page 1, line 8, after "(1)" strike "A" and insert "Except as  
2 provided in subsection (4) of this section, a"

3 On page 1, after line 18, insert the following:

4 "(4) The legislature recognizes that every person possesses a  
5 fundamental right to exercise their religious beliefs and conscience.  
6 No employer may be required by law or contract in any circumstances to  
7 participate in the provision of, or payment for, abortifacient drugs  
8 or devices required to be covered under section (1) of this section if  
9 they object to doing so for reason of conscience or religion."

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EFFECT: Permits employers to not provide coverage or payment  
for abortifacient drugs or devices, if they object to doing so for  
reason of conscience or religion.

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