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1            AN ACT Relating to breast cancer; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 70.01 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            (1) The health care authority, in coordination with the  
7 department of health, must create and implement a campaign to educate  
8 breast cancer patients about the availability of insurance coverage  
9 for breast reconstruction and breast prostheses.

10           (2) The health care authority and department of health may create  
11 new educational materials or make available materials published by  
12 for-profit or nonprofit organizations. The materials must provide, at  
13 a minimum, all of the following:

14           (a) Information about the availability of breast reconstruction  
15 surgery following a mastectomy including that the breast  
16 reconstruction surgery may be performed at the time of a mastectomy  
17 or the breast reconstruction surgery may be delayed until a time  
18 after the mastectomy.

19           (b) Information about prostheses or breast forms as alternatives  
20 to breast reconstruction surgery.

1           (c) Information about the requirements of the women's health and  
2 cancer rights act of 1998 (P.L. 105-277) including the right to  
3 breast reconstruction surgery even if the surgery is delayed.  
4           (3) The educational materials developed or made available under  
5 subsection (2) of this section must be distributed by the office of  
6 the insurance commissioner and the health care authority to people  
7 receiving their services. The department of health must also make  
8 this information available to health care professionals for  
9 distribution to patients who may qualify for breast reconstruction  
10 surgery following a mastectomy.

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