

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5898

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5898** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Regala, Brandland, Pridemore, Hargrove, Thibaudeau, Oke, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

Read first time 02/11/2005. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to postpartum depression; adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.121 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that postpartum depression is a serious
7 condition that affects women of all ages, economic status, and racial
8 and ethnic backgrounds. Postpartum depression includes a range of
9 physical and emotional changes that many mothers can have following the
10 birth of a child, which can be treated with medication and counseling.
11 If untreated, however, postpartum depression can lead to further
12 depression, self-destructive behavior, or even suicide, as well as
13 child abuse, neglect, or death of the infant or other siblings.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The council shall conduct a proactive, public information and
17 communication outreach campaign concerning the significance, signs, and
18 treatment of postpartum depression.

1 The public information campaign may, within available funds,
2 include production and distribution of a brochure and communication by
3 electronic media, telephone hotlines, and existing parenting education
4 events funded by the council.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or
6 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general
7 fund to the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and
8 neglect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, to carry out the
9 purposes of this act.

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