

**HB 2329** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The department of health shall create the  
6 breastfeeding-friendly Washington designation, a voluntary program to  
7 recognize hospitals that effectively support and encourage  
8 breastfeeding.

9 (2) Beginning July 1, 2014, a hospital may use the  
10 breastfeeding-friendly Washington designation provided in subsection  
11 (3) of this section on promotional materials if the hospital achieves  
12 criteria defined by the department of health based on the following ten  
13 steps:

14 (a) Have a written breastfeeding policy that is routinely  
15 communicated to all health care staff;

16 (b) Train all health care staff in skills necessary to implement  
17 this policy;

18 (c) Inform all pregnant women about the benefits and management of  
19 breastfeeding;

20 (d) Help mothers initiate breastfeeding within one hour of birth;

21 (e) Show mothers how to breastfeed and how to maintain lactation,  
22 even if they are separated from their infants;

23 (f) Encourage breast milk over alternatives, but may provide  
24 guidance on formula supplementation or bottle feeding if preferred by  
25 the mother or medically indicated;

26 (g) Practice rooming in by allowing mothers and infants to remain  
27 together twenty-four hours a day;

28 (h) Encourage breastfeeding on demand;

29 (i) Inform all pregnant women about the risks and benefits of  
30 pacifiers or artificial nipples to infants; or

1 (j) Foster the establishment of breastfeeding support groups and  
2 refer mothers to them on discharge from the hospital or clinic.

3 (3)(a) A hospital seeking to use the breastfeeding-friendly  
4 Washington designation must submit its breastfeeding policy and  
5 supporting documentation with its application to the department of  
6 health for approval. The department shall review and approve those  
7 policies and supporting documents that meet the requirements of this  
8 section and issue a designation based on the number of steps met by the  
9 hospital.

10 (b) The department shall issue two types of breastfeeding-friendly  
11 Washington designations based on the number of steps met by a hospital:

12 (i) A designation recognizing a hospital that meets the criteria for  
13 five steps or more; and (ii) a designation recognizing a hospital that  
14 meets all the criteria for all ten steps.

15 (4) The department of health must submit a report to the  
16 legislature by December 31, 2016, on the levels of achievement by and  
17 locations of participating hospitals and with recommendations to  
18 improve or expand the program.

19 (5) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means the  
20 maternity or newborn service of a facility licensed under chapter 70.41  
21 RCW and includes "birthing center" or "childbirth center" as defined in  
22 RCW 18.46.010."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "designation;" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter  
25 70.54 RCW."

EFFECT: Removes program components related to health care

providers, workplaces, and child day care centers; removes a section defining the program and places a shortened program definition in subsection (1); replaces a step requiring a hospital to "Give newborn infants no food or drink other than breast milk, unless medically indicated" with "Encourage breast milk over alternatives, but may provide guidance on formula supplementation or bottle feeding, if preferred by the mother or medically indicated;" replaces a step requiring a hospital to "Give no pacifiers or artificial nipples to breastfeeding infants" with "Inform all pregnant women about the risks and benefits of pacifiers or artificial nipples to infants;" requires DOH to issue two designations: One to applicants meeting five or more steps and another to applicants meeting all ten steps; and requires DOH to report to the Legislature by December 31, 2016.

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