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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Griffey, Parshley, Duerr, Berry, Davis, Callan, Leavitt, Ramel, Bernbaum, Zahn, Ormsby, Scott, Doglio, Hill, and Fosse)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of baby diaper
2 changing stations; adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A public building in which a public restroom is required must
8 provide a baby diaper changing station in at least one restroom that
9 is accessible to women and one restroom that is accessible to men, or
10 in one gender-neutral restroom. If multiple restrooms accessible to
11 women, restrooms accessible to men, or gender-neutral restrooms
12 exist, each restroom that does not include a baby diaper changing
13 station must contain clear and conspicuous signage indicating where a
14 restroom with a baby diaper changing station is located.

15 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this subsection, the
16 requirements in subsection (1) of this section apply to any public
17 building constructed after the effective date of this section, and to
18 any existing public building upon the issuance of a permit for a
19 remodel or renovation of a public restroom within the building with
20 an estimated cost of \$15,000 or more.

1 (b) The requirements in subsection (1) of this section do not
2 apply to an existing public building at the time of the issuance of a
3 permit for the remodel or renovation of a public restroom if the
4 local government issuing the permit or a building inspector determine
5 that the installation of a baby diaper changing station in the
6 building is not feasible or would result in a failure to comply with
7 applicable building standards governing the right of access for
8 persons with disabilities.

9 (c) The requirements in subsection (1) of this section do not
10 apply to a restroom located in a health care facility if the restroom
11 is intended for the use of one patient or resident at a time and is
12 not available for public use.

13 (3) For a first violation of this section, the city or county
14 attorney shall issue a warning letter to the owner or operator of the
15 public building. An owner or operator of a public building that
16 violates this section after receiving a warning letter is guilty of a
17 class 2 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW.

18 (4) For the purposes of this section:

19 (a) "Baby diaper changing station" means a table or other device
20 suitable for changing the diaper of a child weighing less than 50
21 pounds that is in compliance with the international building code
22 standards as amended and adopted by the state building code council.

23 (b) "Gender-neutral restroom" means a restroom that is not
24 restricted by gender including, but not limited to, restrooms
25 available for use by families.

26 (c) "Health care facility" has the same meaning as in RCW
27 70.02.010.

28 (d) "Public building" is any building required to have a public
29 restroom by the state building code or local regulations. "Public
30 building" does not include an industrial building or commercial
31 building that does not permit anyone who is under 18 years of age to
32 enter the premises.

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