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By Senate Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Nobles, Frame, Bateman, Hasegawa, Saldaña, Trudeau, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to programs and services for incarcerated parents
2 at the department of corrections; and amending RCW 72.09.588.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.588 and 2018 c 41 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department must make reasonable accommodations for the
7 provision of available midwifery or doula services to ~~((inmates))~~
8 incarcerated individuals who are pregnant or who have given birth in
9 the last six weeks. Persons providing midwifery or doula services
10 must be granted appropriate facility access, must be allowed to
11 attend and provide assistance during labor and childbirth where
12 feasible, and must have access to the ~~((inmate's))~~ incarcerated
13 individual's relevant health care information, as defined in RCW
14 70.02.010, if the ~~((inmate))~~ incarcerated individual authorizes
15 disclosure.

16 (2) For purposes of this section, the following definitions
17 apply:

18 (a) "Doula services" are services provided by a trained doula and
19 designed to provide physical, emotional, or informational support to
20 a pregnant ~~((woman))~~ individual before, during, and after delivery of
21 a child. Doula services may include, but are not limited to: Support

1 and assistance during labor and childbirth; prenatal and postpartum
2 education; breastfeeding assistance; parenting education; and support
3 in the event that ((a woman)) an individual has been or will become
4 separated from ((her)) their child.

5 (b) "Midwifery services" means medical aid rendered by a midwife
6 to ((a woman)) an individual during prenatal, intrapartum, or
7 postpartum stages or to ((a woman's)) an individual's newborn up to
8 two weeks of age.

9 (c) "Midwife" means a midwife licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW or
10 an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter
11 18.79 RCW.

12 (3) Nothing in this section ((requires the department to
13 establish or provide funding for midwifery or doula services, or))
14 prevents the department from adopting policy guidelines for the
15 delivery of midwifery or doula services to ((inmates)) incarcerated
16 individuals, or from contracting with a nonprofit organization or
17 partnering with volunteers to deliver these services to incarcerated
18 individuals. Services provided under this section may not supplant
19 health care services routinely provided to the ((inmate))
20 incarcerated individual.

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