

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 2026

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, APRIL 2, 1993

**Brief Description:** Requiring notice about fetal alcohol syndrome.

**SPONSORS:** House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Karahalios, Wood, Leonard and Kessler)

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Fraser, McAuliffe, Pelz, Sutherland, and Vognild.

**Staff:** Traci Ratzliff (786-7452)

**Hearing Dates:** April 2, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

Fetal alcohol syndrome is the third leading cause of mental retardation in the United States. Approximately 145 babies are born in Washington each year with fetal alcohol syndrome.

**SUMMARY:**

The Liquor Control Board is required to post in a conspicuous place within each state liquor store a notice warning women that drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause birth defects, including fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This bill will start the process of educating the public about fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) by requiring the Liquor Control Board to post signs in state liquor stores that warn women that drinking while pregnant can lead to FAS.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Representative Karahalios, prime sponsor (pro)