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3   By Committee on Health Care

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5   Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds the following:
8   (a) Alopecia areata and its variants, alopecia totalis and alopecia
9 universalis, are common, noncontagious diseases that affect an
10 estimated two million Americans. They are diseases of the hair
11 follicle with results ranging from large patches of baldness to the
12 total loss of all body hair. This hair loss can be acute and short-
13 lived, occurring in just days or weeks, or chronic with years of
14 regrowth in some sites and progression to new sites.
15   (b) Alopecia areata and its variants are associated with an
16 alteration in the immunological system, but their cause is unknown.
17   (c) The use of cranial hair prostheses may provide relief to
18 children with alopecia areata, totalis, and universalis.
19   (2) It is the intent of the legislature to provide relief to the
20 children who are victims of alopecia areata, totalis, and universalis.

21   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
22 to read as follows:
23   Within appropriated funds, the department of social and health
24 services shall establish a program within the department to provide
25 payment for cranial hair prostheses for patients under eighteen years
26 of age suffering from alopecia areata, totalis, or universalis,
27 provided that such services are delivered upon the recommendation of
28 the patient's physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner as
29 authorized by the nursing care quality assurance commission pursuant to
30 chapter 18.79 RCW, or physician assistant pursuant to chapter 18.71A
31 RCW.

32   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
33 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void."

3   Correct the title.

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