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1 AN ACT Relating to the women's health advisory committee; adding
2 new sections to chapter 43.70 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Until recently, little attention has been
5 given to the detection, treatment, and prevention of disease as
6 specifically related to the unique needs and experiences of women. The
7 purpose of establishing the women's health advisory committee is to
8 provide input to the department in order to achieve equity in policy
9 considerations and decisions affecting women's health, including the
10 administration, funding, and delivery of medical care and health care-
11 related services, and additional opportunities for basic and applied
12 research directly affecting women's health.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The women's health advisory committee is
14 created. The governor shall appoint the ten members of the committee.
15 Committee members shall serve for a term of two years which may be
16 renewed. The committee shall include one member from each major caucus
17 of the house of representatives and the senate, two representatives
18 from the department of health, one representative from the department

1 of social and health services, two representatives from statewide
2 women's health advocacy organizations, and one representative from the
3 University of Washington school of public health.

4 The committee shall elect one of its members as chair. In any
5 situation requiring a vote, the chair shall cast the deciding vote.
6 The committee shall meet no less than twice per calendar year at dates
7 specified by the chair or a majority of the members.

8 The members of the committee shall be compensated in accordance
9 with RCW 43.03.220 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred
10 in carrying out the duties of the committee in accordance with RCW
11 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

12 The department shall provide administrative and clerical assistance
13 to the committee.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The women's health advisory committee shall
15 advise the department with regard to:

16 (1) Strategic planning to improve the department's public health
17 services and programs targeting women;

18 (2) Analysis of departmental policies regarding specific issues
19 related to women's health;

20 (3) Coordination of pilot projects and planning projects funded by
21 the state that are related to women's health;

22 (4) Dispersing information to the public regarding women's health,
23 data, strategies, and programs that address women's health issues,
24 including pregnancy, breast and cervical cancers, AIDS, osteoporosis,
25 and menopause, as well as issues that impact women's health, including
26 substance abuse, domestic violence, housing, teenage pregnancy, and
27 sexual assault;

28 (5) The identification of public and private sources of funding for
29 initiatives in women's health; and

30 (6) Ways to encourage innovative responses by public and private
31 entities that seek to address women's health issues.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each
33 added to chapter 43.70 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The sum of ten thousand dollars, or as
35 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2002, from the general fund to the department of health
2 for the purposes of this act.

3 (2) The sum of ten thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be
4 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003,
5 from the general fund to the department of health for the purposes of
6 this act.

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