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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature finds that Washington state has the highest
6 incidence of breast cancer in the nation. Despite this, mortality
7 rates from breast cancer have declined due largely to early screening
8 and detection. Invasive cervical cancer is the most preventable type
9 of cancer. The Pap test, used to detect early signs of this disease,
10 has been called "medicine's most successful screening test." Applied
11 consistently, invasive cervical cancer could nearly be eliminated. The
12 legislature further finds that increasing access to breast and cervical
13 cancer screening is critical to reducing incidence and mortality rates,
14 and eliminating the disparities of this disease in women in Washington
15 state. Furthermore, the legislature finds there is a need for a
16 permanent program providing early detection and screening to the women
17 and families of Washington state.

18 It is the intent of the legislature to establish an early detection
19 breast and cervical cancer screening program as a voluntary screening
20 program directed at reducing mortalities through early detection to be
21 offered to eligible women only as funds are available.

22 (2) As used in this section:

23 (a) "Eligible woman" means a woman who is age forty to sixty-four,
24 and whose income is at or below two hundred fifty percent of the
25 federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal department
26 of health and human services. Priority enrollment shall be given to
27 women as defined by the federal national breast and cervical cancer
28 early detection program, under P.L. 101-354.

29 (b) "Approved providers" means those state-supported health
30 providers, radiology facilities, and cytological laboratories that are

1 recognized by the department as meeting the minimum program policies
2 and procedures adopted by the department to qualify under the federal
3 national breast and cervical cancer early detection program, and are
4 designated as eligible for funding by the department.

5 (c) "Comprehensive" means a screening program that focuses on
6 breast and cervical cancer screening as a preventive health measure,
7 and includes diagnostic and case management services.

8 (3) The department of health is authorized to administer a state-
9 supported early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program
10 to assist eligible women with preventive health services. To the
11 extent of available funding, eligible women may be enrolled in the
12 early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program and
13 additional eligible women may be enrolled to the extent that grants and
14 contributions from community sources provide sufficient funds for
15 expanding the program.

16 (4) Funds appropriated for the state program shall be used only to
17 operate early detection breast and cervical cancer screening programs
18 that have been approved by the department, or to increase access to
19 existing state-approved programs, and shall not supplant federally
20 supported breast and cervical cancer early detection programs.

21 (5) Enrollment in the early detection breast and cervical cancer
22 screening program shall not result in expenditures that exceed the
23 amount that has been appropriated for the program in the operating
24 budget. If it appears that continued enrollment will result in
25 expenditures exceeding the appropriated level for a particular fiscal
26 year, the department may freeze new enrollment in the program. Nothing
27 in this section prevents the department from continuing enrollment in
28 the program if there are adequate private or public funds in addition
29 to those appropriated in the biennial budget to support the cost of
30 such enrollment.

31 (6) The department shall establish a medical advisory committee
32 composed of interested medical professionals and consumer liaisons with
33 expertise in a variety of areas relevant to breast and cervical health
34 to provide expert medical advice and guidance. The medical advisory
35 committee shall address national, state, and local concerns regarding
36 best practices in the field of early prevention and detection for
37 breast and cervical cancer and assist the early detection breast and

1 cervical cancer screening program in implementing program policy that
2 follows the best practices of high quality health care for clinical,
3 diagnostic, pathologic, radiological, and oncology services."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
6 43.70 RCW."

EFFECT: Specifies that the Department of Health is not required to administer the screening program, rather authorized to administer it to the extent that funds are available. Specifies that expenditures for the screening program may not exceed the appropriated amount. Authorizes the Department of Health to freeze enrollment in the screening program if expenditures exceed the appropriated funding unless there are adequate funds from alternative public or private sources.

Establishes a medical advisory committee to provide expert medical advice and guidance in the implementation of the program.

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