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**Health Care Committee**

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**SB 5898**

**Brief Description:** Ordering a public information campaign on postpartum depression.

**Sponsors:** Senators Regala, Brandland, Pridemore, Hargrove, Thibaudeau, Oke, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Directs the Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to conduct a public information campaign regarding postpartum depression.

**Hearing Date:** 3/29/05

**Staff:** Chris Blake (786-7392).

**Background:**

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (College) distinguishes between three different types of mood disorders that a mother may experience in the period after childbirth: the "baby blues," postpartum depression, and postpartum psychosis. While the "baby blues" generally disappear within two weeks of delivery, postpartum depression can last from several months to over a year and frequently requires counseling and treatment. The College estimates that postpartum depression affects approximately ten percent of new mothers.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect shall conduct a public information campaign regarding the significance, signs, and treatment of postpartum depression. Twenty-five thousand dollars is appropriated for the campaign.

**Appropriation:** The amount of \$25,000.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.