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By Senators Poulsen, Benson, Kastama and Deccio; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to describing when the department of health may
2 collect a fee for infant screening services; and amending RCW
3 70.83.040.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83.040 and 1999 c 76 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 When notified of positive screening tests, the state department of
8 health shall offer the use of its services and facilities, designed to
9 prevent mental retardation or physical defects in such children, to the
10 attending physician, or the parents of the newborn child if no
11 attending physician can be identified.

12 The services and facilities of the department, and other state and
13 local agencies cooperating with the department in carrying out programs
14 of detection and prevention of mental retardation and physical defects
15 shall be made available to the family and physician to the extent
16 required in order to carry out the intent of this chapter and within
17 the availability of funds. The department has the authority to collect
18 a reasonable fee, from the parents or other responsible party of each
19 infant screened to fund specialty clinics that provide treatment

1 services for (~~hemoglobin diseases,~~) phenylketonuria(~~(, congenital~~
2 ~~adrenal hyperplasia, and congenital hypothyroidism)~~) and other
3 disorders defined by the board of health under RCW 70.83.020 and
4 adopted in rule under RCW 70.83.050. The fee may be collected through
5 the facility where the screening specimen is obtained.

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