

SB 5491-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Designates when the department of health may collect a fee for infant screening services.

Requires the department of health to conduct a study of the funding mechanisms that support the treatment of disorders defined by the board of health under RCW 70.83.020 and rules adopted under RCW 70.83.050. The study shall include: An evaluation of the current specialty clinic fee funding and collection method; identification of funding gaps; identification and evaluation of alternative funding and collection methods; and an assessment of the availability of additional federal, state, or grant funding.

Requires the findings of the study to be presented to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005. No changes to the fee may be made until April 1, 2006.