

**HB 2023-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Provides that payments for medical assistance shall include the cost of newborn screening fees used to fund specialty clinics in accordance with RCW 70.83.040.

Provides that the department has the authority to collect the following fees from the parents or other responsible party of each infant screened for heritable or metabolic disorders as defined by the state board of health under RCW 70.83.020:

(1) A fee for laboratory testing associated with newborn testing for the defined disorders; and

(2) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents to fund specialty clinics that provide treatment services for children with the defined disorders.

Provides that the fee may be collected through the facility where the screening specimen is obtained.