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HOUSE BILL 1562

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State of Washington                      62nd Legislature                      2011 Regular Session

By Representatives Cody and Stanford

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1            AN ACT Relating to creating a legislative task force on maternal  
2 and child health; creating a new section; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) The legislative task force on maternal  
6 and child health is established with members as provided in this  
7 subsection:

8            (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses in the house  
9 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
10 representatives;

11            (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses in the senate,  
12 appointed by the president of the senate;

13            (c) The following members appointed jointly by the speaker of the  
14 house of representatives and the president of the senate:

15            (i) One member representing the march of dimes;

16            (ii) One member representing the American Indian health commission  
17 for Washington;

18            (iii) One member representing a statewide association representing  
19 midwives;

1 (iv) One member representing the American congress of obstetricians  
2 and gynecologists;

3 (v) One member representing the Washington state medical  
4 association;

5 (vi) One member representing the Washington state pharmacy  
6 association;

7 (vii) One member representing the Washington chapter of the  
8 American academy of pediatrics; and

9 (viii) One member representing the Washington state perinatal  
10 collaborative; and

11 (d) The following members appointed by the governor:

12 (i) One member representing the medicaid purchasing administration;  
13 and

14 (ii) One member representing the department of health.

15 (2) The task force shall select its chair from among its  
16 legislative membership.

17 (3) The task force shall:

18 (a) Review the current status of the maternity and child health  
19 system including, but not limited to, the following information sorted  
20 by income and source of insurance coverage:

21 (i) Access to care during the first trimester of a pregnancy;  
22 (ii) Caesarean section rates;  
23 (iii) Infant mortality rates;  
24 (iv) Low birth weight rates; and  
25 (v) Other relevant birth outcome data; and

26 (b) Develop strategies to lower the number of preterm births in the  
27 state of Washington.

28 (4) The task force shall report its findings to the relevant  
29 committees of the legislature no later than November 15, 2011.

30 (5) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
31 office of program research and senate committee services.

32 (6) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for travel  
33 expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members,  
34 except those representing an employer or organization, are entitled to  
35 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and  
36 43.03.060.

37 (7) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the

1 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
2 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
3 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

4 (8) This section expires January 1, 2012.

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