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**Business & Financial Services Committee**

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**HB 2758**

**Brief Description:** Concerning diaper changing stations at restaurants.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Doglio, Dolan, Stanford, Stonier, Bergquist and Reeves.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires restaurants that offer a children's menu and have a occupancy of greater than sixty persons to install and maintain a diaper changing station in a restroom accessible to women and a restroom accessible to men, or a restroom accessible to both men and women.
- Prescribes civil penalties for violations.

**Hearing Date:** 1/24/18

**Staff:** Robbi Kesler (786-7153).

**Background:**

In 2016 federal law has required a diaper changing station be available to men and women in federal buildings that contain a public restroom.

Washington has no specific laws related to diaper changing stations. With the exception of federal buildings located in the state, no other business or public building is required to provide diaper changing facilities.

**Summary of Bill:**

Requires restaurants that offer a children's menu to install and maintain a diaper changing station in a restroom accessible to women and a restroom accessible to men, or a restroom accessible to both men and women. A restaurants is exempt from this requirement if:

- It does not have a restroom available to the public;
- The occupancy is less than sixty persons;

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- There is a restroom with the required changing table(s) within 300 feet; or
- The existing restroom does not have the space required to install a diaper changing station.

For a first violation the restaurant owner or operator will receive a warning letter from the city or county. For a subsequent violation the restaurant owner or operator will be guilty of a class two civil infraction. The maximum penalty and the default amount for a class two civil infraction is one hundred twenty-five dollars, not including statutory assessments.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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