

SHB 2905 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that oral
4 disease is the most common childhood chronic disease, yet is almost
5 entirely preventable, impacting school readiness, future
6 employability, and overall well-being and quality of life. The access
7 to baby and child dentistry program has made Washington a leader in
8 oral health care access across the nation, providing greater levels
9 of access and utilization for medicaid eligible children under six
10 years old. The legislature further recognizes that the access to baby
11 and child dentistry program connects children to a dental home in
12 their communities, enabling children to get off to a healthy start.
13 While the state has made great strides, children of color continue to
14 experience higher rates of tooth decay than their peers and children
15 under the age of two are not accessing care at the same rate as older
16 children. Therefore, it is the legislature's intent to expand on the
17 program investments the state has already made to provide additional
18 outreach and support to eligible families and providers, increase
19 very young children's access to care, and further reduce racial and
20 ethnic disparities in access to care and oral health outcomes.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) The authority, in consultation with the office of equity,
24 created in chapter . . . (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No.
25 1783), Laws of 2020, shall work with the statewide managing partner
26 of the access to baby and child dentistry program to develop a local
27 access to baby and child dentistry program fund allocation formula,
28 key deliverables, and target metrics for increased outreach and
29 provider engagement and support with the goal of reducing racial and
30 ethnic disparities.

1 (2) The authority, in consultation with the office of equity,
2 created in chapter . . . (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No.
3 1783), Laws of 2020, shall collaborate with stakeholders to monitor
4 progress toward the goals articulated in subsection (1) of this
5 section and provide support to local access to baby and child
6 dentistry programs and providers."

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7 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
8 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
9 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Requires HCA to work in consultation with the Office of
Equity to develop the required items and monitor progress. Removes
the no-cost contracting requirement.

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