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**SENATE BILL 6148**

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**By** Senators Rivers, Braun, Dozier, Frame, Hasegawa, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing maternal and perinatal quality of  
2 care metrics for Washingtonians on medicaid; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The centers for medicaid and medicare  
6 services encourages states to voluntarily collect and report on  
7 quality measures describing the quality of care that medicaid and  
8 children's health insurance program beneficiaries receive. There are  
9 nine quality measures related to maternal and perinatal health that  
10 the centers for medicaid and medicare services has identified as the  
11 maternity core set. The maternity core set is used to measure and  
12 evaluate progress toward the improvement of maternal and perinatal  
13 health in the medicaid and children's health insurance programs.

14 (2) Beginning in 2024, the centers for medicaid and medicare  
15 services required states to collect and report on six maternal and  
16 perinatal health measures. The data collected will provide a national  
17 picture of maternal health in the medicaid and children's health  
18 insurance programs.

19 (3) The legislature intends to gather data on the additional  
20 three maternal and perinatal health measures to measure and evaluate

1 progress toward improvement of maternal and perinatal health for  
2 Washingtonians.

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

5 (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, the authority shall collect data  
6 and report on all of the quality measures related to maternal and  
7 perinatal health that are identified by the centers for medicaid and  
8 medicare services as the maternity core set.

9 (2) By June 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the authority  
10 shall publish the data collected in subsection (1) of this section  
11 from the previous calendar year, provide comparative data to the  
12 previous year detailing any progress made in improving outcomes, and  
13 provide information detailing any steps taken to improve outcomes.

14 (3) By June 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the authority  
15 shall make this report publicly available on its website.

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