

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6234**

68th Legislature  
2024 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate February 7, 2024  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 27, 2024  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6234** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators L. Wilson, Hasegawa, and Lovick

Read first time 01/15/24. Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to screening newborn infants for branched-chain  
2 ketoacid dehydrogenase kinase deficiency; creating new sections; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is  
6 promising research that individuals with branched-chain ketoacid  
7 dehydrogenase kinase deficiency, which is linked to  
8 neurodevelopmental disorders including autism spectrum disorder, can  
9 potentially benefit significantly from early diagnosis and treatment.  
10 The legislature intends to engage the state board of health to  
11 conduct an evaluation of whether branched-chain ketoacid  
12 dehydrogenase kinase deficiency screening should be added to the  
13 newborn screening panel.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The state board of health shall  
15 consider whether or not to add the branched-chain ketoacid  
16 dehydrogenase kinase deficiency screening to the mandatory newborn  
17 screening panel as required in RCW 70.83.020. The state board of  
18 health shall submit to the governor and the appropriate committees of  
19 the legislature a report no later than June 30, 2025, that includes a  
20 summary of the evaluation conducted in this section and the findings

1 and recommendations on the addition of the branched-chain ketoacid  
2 dehydrogenase kinase deficiency screening to the mandatory newborn  
3 screening panel.

4 (2) This section expires July 30, 2026.

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