

**SHB 2023 - H AMD 377**

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.83.040 and 2005 c 518 s 938 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 When notified of positive screening tests, the state department of  
6 health shall offer the use of its services and facilities, designed to  
7 prevent mental retardation or physical defects in such children, to the  
8 attending physician, or the parents of the newborn child if no  
9 attending physician can be identified.

10 The services and facilities of the department, and other state and  
11 local agencies cooperating with the department in carrying out programs  
12 of detection and prevention of mental retardation and physical defects  
13 shall be made available to the family and physician to the extent  
14 required in order to carry out the intent of this chapter and within  
15 the availability of funds. ~~((The department has the authority to  
16 collect a reasonable fee, from the parents or other responsible party  
17 of each infant screened to fund specialty clinics that provide  
18 treatment services for hemoglobin diseases, phenylketonuria, congenital  
19 adrenal hyperplasia, congenital hypothyroidism, and, during the 2005-07  
20 fiscal biennium, other disorders defined by the board of health under  
21 RCW 70.83.020. The fee may be collected through the facility where the  
22 screening specimen is obtained.))~~

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.83 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 The department has the authority to collect the following fees from  
26 the parents or other responsible party of each infant screened for  
27 heritable or metabolic disorders as defined by the state board of  
28 health under RCW 70.83.020:

1           (1) A fee for laboratory testing associated with newborn testing  
2 for the defined disorders; and

3           (2) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents to fund specialty  
4 clinics that provide treatment services for children with the defined  
5 disorders.

6           The fee may be collected through the facility where the screening  
7 specimen is obtained."

8           Correct the title.

EFFECT: Authorizes the Department of Health to collect, for each  
birth, a newborn screening fee for the cost of testing and a \$3.50 fee  
to fund specialty clinics.

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