

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**RS24354**

It is the purpose of this legislation to require the Department of Health to compile a list of providers that perform free ultrasounds, state that the woman has a right to obtain a free ultrasound, view an ultrasound image and hear tone monitoring, and to provide that no abortion be performed unless the woman is informed prior to the abortion that ultrasound imaging and heart tone monitoring are available. When enacted, this legislation will help ensure that pregnant mothers are offered important accurate medical information prior to undergoing an abortion.

**FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) to maintain and distribute an up-to-date list of free ultrasound providers. The cost to DHW is estimated at \$1,700 annually. In addition to having the list available on-line, DHW also would print the list to be included with each order of the Fetal Development packet. The \$1,700 annual estimate includes \$500 in printing and \$1,200 in staff time. This cost can currently be absorbed by the program with federal money.

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