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By Representative Pollet

1 AN ACT Relating to contraception vending machines at institutions
2 of higher education; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that access to abortion and
7 contraceptive health care is limited by systemic and individual
8 barriers, which increase at the intersections of race, gender,
9 sexuality, disability, socioeconomic status, immigration or visa
10 status, health insurance, and coverage status. Therefore, it is
11 essential that institutions of higher education provide access to
12 emergency contraception in discreet locations on their campuses.

13 (2) Institutions of higher education with over 1,000 full-time
14 equivalent students shall provide contraception vending machines for
15 students and staff stocked with over-the-counter emergency
16 contraceptive medication and other forms of contraception, including
17 condoms, at discreet and geographically accessible locations, such as
18 gender-neutral restrooms and student union buildings, and locations
19 that are accessible on weekends and after 5:00 p.m. The locations of
20 vending contraception machines must be made in consultation with
21 student government, faculty, and staff. Institutions of higher

1 education shall add one additional contraception vending machine for
2 every 20,000 students.

3 (3) The procurement, installation, and maintenance of
4 contraception vending machines, and any associated labor hours, must
5 be provided by the institutions of higher education at no additional
6 expense to students.

7 (4) The cost of emergency contraception at contraception vending
8 machines must be offered at cost with no additional markups. Student
9 governments may provide funding to lower the cost of emergency
10 contraception to free or below cost.

11 (5) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
12 specific purpose, each institution of higher education shall receive
13 \$10,000 per contraception vending machine. Funds must be directly
14 distributed to each four-year institution of higher education and to
15 the state board for community and technical colleges to be disbursed
16 to each community and technical college that provides contraception
17 vending machines.

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