

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/19, 3/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires facility performing mammogram to notify patient of results and possible increased risk of breast cancer and to advise patient to contact their health care provider regarding appropriateness of supplemental testing if mammogram indicates dense breast tissue. Prohibits cost-sharing for mammograms and breast ultrasounds meeting specified criteria. Defines dense breast tissue. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of raising breast density awareness
- Mammogram limitations
- Mammograms versus ultrasound testing
- Personal experiences relating to not being aware of breast density and risk factors
- Early detection and survival rates
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes insurance mandate language. Clarifies facility is responsible for notification, not individual; defines dense breast tissue.

**BACKGROUND:** Breast density is a measure used to describe the proportion of the different tissues that make up a woman's breast. Breast density compares the area of the breast and connective tissue seen on a mammogram to the area of fat. Breast and connective tissue are denser than fat and this difference shows up on a mammogram. High breast density means there is a greater amount of breast and connective tissue compared to fat; low breast density means there is a greater amount of fat compared to breast and connective tissue.

Proponents assert that women with high breast density are four to five times more likely to get breast cancer than women with low breast density. Senate Bill 420-A seeks to raise awareness and educate women about dense breast tissue, its risk factor, and the limitations of mammograms for women with dense breast tissue.