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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 990**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

February 26, 2015

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An act to amend Section 138.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 990, as amended, Bonilla. Women's health.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to develop a coordinated state strategy for addressing the health-related needs of women, including implementation of goals and objectives for women's health. Existing law establishes the Office of Health Equity within the department to, among other things, communicate and disseminate information within the department and to other state departments to assist in developing strategies to improve the health and mental health status of specified persons, including women. Existing law requires the department to include prescribed information in any literature that it produces regarding breast cancer, including the factors that increase the risk that younger women will develop breast cancer. Existing law describes these risk factors as including, but not limited to, family history of the disease.

This bill would require any literature *regarding breast cancer information* produced *or updated* by the department *on or after January 1, 2016*, to include the increased risk for breast cancer associated with obesity. *The bill would provide that the department is not required to dispose of or refrain from disseminating existing published material*

solely for the purpose of complying with the requirement that the literature include that prescribed information.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 138.6 of the Health and Safety Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 138.6. (a) ~~The Literature regarding breast cancer information~~  
4 *produced or updated by the State Department of Public Health on*  
5 *or after January 1, 2016, shall include in any literature that it*  
6 ~~produces regarding breast cancer information that shall include,~~  
7 but not be limited to, all of the following:

8 (1) Summarized information on risk factors for breast cancer  
9 in younger women, including, but not limited to, information on  
10 the increased risk associated with a family history of the disease,  
11 and increased risk associated with obesity.

12 (2) Summarized information regarding detection alternatives  
13 to mammography that may be available and more effective for  
14 at-risk women between the ages of 25 and 40 years.

15 (3) Information on Internet Web sites of relevant organizations,  
16 government agencies, and research institutions where information  
17 on mammography alternatives may be obtained.

18 (b) (1) The information required by subdivision (a) shall be  
19 produced consistent with the department’s protocols and procedures  
20 regarding the production and dissemination of information on  
21 breast cancer, including, but not limited to, the following factors:

22 ~~(1)~~

23 (A) Restrictions imposed by space limitation on materials  
24 currently produced and distributed by the department.

25 ~~(2)~~

26 (B) Future regular production and replacement schedules.

27 ~~(3)~~

28 (C) Translation standards governing the number of languages  
29 and literacy levels.

30 ~~(4)~~

31 (D) The nature, content, and purpose of the material into which  
32 this new information will be incorporated.

1     (2) *This section does not require the department to dispose of*  
2     *or refrain from disseminating existing published literature solely*  
3     *for the purpose of complying with subdivision (a).*

4     (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that subdivisions (a) and  
5     (b) apply to information that is distributed by any branch of the  
6     department, including, but not limited to, the Cancer Detection  
7     Section and the Office of Health Equity.

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