

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 53 entitled “An act relating to certification of community-based perinatal
4 doulas and Medicaid coverage for doula services” respectfully reports that it
5 has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 8 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 8. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; APPROPRIATION

8 The sum of \$25,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office
9 of Professional Regulation in fiscal year 2026 to establish the certification
10 program for community-based perinatal doulas as set forth in this act.

11 Second: By renumbering the existing Sec. 8, effective dates, to be Sec. 9
12 and, in that renumbered section, in subsection (a), preceding “shall take effect
13 on January 1, 2026,” by inserting “and 8 (Office of Professional Regulation;
14 appropriation)”

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE