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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____ 1 2 BY BOLKCOM 1 3 A Senate Resolution requesting the legislative council to authorize an interim study committee to consider whether to require health benefits coverage of autologous bone marrow transplants for treatment 1 of breast and other types of cancer. 1 8 WHEREAS, a bone marrow transplant is a treatment 1 9 that offers options for patients to fight disease and 1 10 infection and to withstand high doses of chemotherapy; 11 and 1 12 WHEREAS, autologous transplant allows the patient 1 13 to donate their own bone marrow stem cells to produce 1 14 new white blood cells, red blood cells, and platelets; 1 15 and 1 16 WHEREAS, there is research indicating that 1 17 autologous bone marrow transplantation offers 1 18 significant improvements in survival rates as compared 1 19 to standard therapy for advanced breast cancer; NOW 1 20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative 22 council is requested to authorize a study committee 1 1 23 for the 2008 interim to consider whether to require 24 health benefits coverage of autologous bone marrow 25 transplants for treatment of breast and other types of 1 26 cancer. 1 27 LSB 5652XS 82 1 28 jp/rj/24