

Senate Resolution 907

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Insurance, in collaboration with the Department of Community
2 Health, to meet with stakeholders to explore best practices in the medical surveillance of
3 patients after primary therapy for breast cancer and to provide any recommendations; and for
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cancer diagnosed in women in the
6 United States and the second leading cause of death from cancer among women in the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that, in 2026, about 2,670 men will be
9 diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and about 530 men will die from breast cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, depending on the individual patient and the type and stage of breast cancer,
11 treatments for breast cancer include surgery, such as a lumpectomy, breast-conserving
12 surgery, mastectomy, or double mastectomy, and adjuvant therapy, such as chemotherapy,
13 radiotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted therapy, or biological therapy; and

14 WHEREAS, after treatments for breast cancer, medical surveillance is crucial to monitor and
15 detect any local recurrence of cancer in either breast, the breast area, the chest wall, or

16 regional lymph nodes and to monitor and detect distant metastases or therapy related
17 diseases; and

18 WHEREAS, there is debate on the cost-effectiveness, accuracy, and medical necessity of
19 routine mammography, X-rays, ultrasounds, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission
20 tomography scans, and computed tomography scans after a mastectomy or double
21 mastectomy when the patient is asymptomatic; and

22 WHEREAS, a well-defined, evidence based surveillance protocol is needed to manage
23 patients with breast cancer after the initial diagnosis, during staging, after primary treatment,
24 and during any follow-up care to detect early local recurrence of cancer and distant
25 metastases or therapy related diseases; and

26 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance, in collaboration with the Department of
27 Community Health, is in the optimal position to gather data and information from
28 stakeholders, including, but not limited to, breast cancer survivors; family members of breast
29 cancer survivors; medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists; radiologists; pathologists;
30 other healthcare providers; and health insurers.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 urge the Department of Insurance, in collaboration with the Department of Community
33 Health, to meet with stakeholders to explore best practices in the medical surveillance of
34 patients after primary therapy for breast cancer and to provide any recommendations.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance shall submit any
36 recommendations to the chairpersons of the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee and the
37 Senate Health and Human Services Committee no later than February 1, 2027, along with

38 any proposed legislation, policy, or budget changes needed to implement such
39 recommendations.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Commissioner
42 of Insurance and the commissioner of the Department of Community Health.