



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2001 Assembly Joint
Resolution 35**

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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2001 Assembly Joint Resolution 35 relates to supporting women's health platform that recognizes serious inequities in the health prevention and treatment of women and calls for the elimination of these inequities to improve the health status of women in this state.

Senate Amendment 1 to Assembly Joint Resolution 35 adds the following statements to the Joint Resolution: women make only 72 cents to every dollar a man makes and pay 68% more in out-of-pocket costs for their health care; 97% of large group insurance plans cover most prescriptions, but only one-third of them cover all five Federal Drug Administration-approved contraceptives for women; women are biologically more susceptible to sexually transmitted infections and are more likely to bear the negative long-term consequences, including involuntary sterilization and death; and women are 10 to 20 times more likely to contract human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and HIV is the second leading cause of death in African-Americans and the third leading cause of death in Latinas.

The amendment also deletes the statement that women are 10 times more likely than men to contract HIV during unprotected sex.

Finally, the amendment modifies the joint resolution to state that women should be provided equal access to medication, including prescription contraceptives.

Senate Amendment 1 was adopted by the Senate Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs on May 23, 2001 by a vote of Ayes, 5, Noes, 4. The joint resolution was concurred in, as amended, by the committee on that same date by a vote of Ayes, 5, Noes, 4.

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