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1 AN ACT Relating to public water system emergency response
2 requirements; and amending RCW 43.20.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.20.050 and 1992 c 34 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The state board of health shall provide a forum for the
7 development of health policy in Washington state. It is authorized to
8 recommend to the secretary means for obtaining appropriate citizen and
9 professional involvement in all health policy formulation and other
10 matters related to the powers and duties of the department. It is
11 further empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the
12 health status of the citizenry.

13 (a) At least every five years, the state board shall convene
14 regional forums to gather citizen input on health issues.

15 (b) Every two years, in coordination with the development of the
16 state biennial budget, the state board shall prepare the state health
17 report that outlines the health priorities of the ensuing biennium.
18 The report shall:

19 (i) Consider the citizen input gathered at the health forums;

1 (ii) Be developed with the assistance of local health departments;
2 (iii) Be based on the best available information collected and
3 reviewed according to RCW 43.70.050 and recommendations from the
4 council;

5 (iv) Be developed with the input of state health care agencies. At
6 least the following directors of state agencies shall provide timely
7 recommendations to the state board on suggested health priorities for
8 the ensuing biennium: The secretary of social and health services, the
9 health care authority administrator, the insurance commissioner, the
10 administrator of the basic health plan, the superintendent of public
11 instruction, the director of labor and industries, the director of
12 ecology, and the director of agriculture;

13 (v) Be used by state health care agency administrators in preparing
14 proposed agency budgets and executive request legislation;

15 (vi) Be submitted by the state board to the governor by June 1 of
16 each even-numbered year for adoption by the governor. The governor, no
17 later than September 1 of that year, shall approve, modify, or
18 disapprove the state health report.

19 (c) In fulfilling its responsibilities under this subsection, the
20 state board shall create ad hoc committees or other such committees of
21 limited duration as necessary. Membership should include legislators,
22 providers, consumers, bioethicists, medical economics experts, legal
23 experts, purchasers, and insurers, as necessary.

24 (2) In order to protect public health, the state board of health
25 shall:

26 (a) Adopt rules necessary to assure safe and reliable public
27 drinking water and to protect the public health. Such rules shall
28 establish requirements regarding:

29 (i) The design and construction of public water system facilities,
30 including proper sizing of pipes and storage for the number and type of
31 customers;

32 (ii) Drinking water quality standards, monitoring requirements, and
33 laboratory certification requirements;

34 (iii) Public water system management and reporting requirements;

35 (iv) Public water system planning and emergency response
36 requirements, including a requirement for a back-up power source
37 capable of maintaining a water system's average daily quantity of water
38 for at least forty-eight hours and for operational testing of the back-
39 up power every sixty days;

1 (v) Public water system operation and maintenance requirements;
2 (vi) Water quality, reliability, and management of existing but
3 inadequate public water systems; and

4 (vii) Quality standards for the source or supply, or both source
5 and supply, of water for bottled water plants.

6 (b) Adopt rules and standards for prevention, control, and
7 abatement of health hazards and nuisances related to the disposal of
8 wastes, solid and liquid, including but not limited to sewage, garbage,
9 refuse, and other environmental contaminants; adopt standards and
10 procedures governing the design, construction, and operation of sewage,
11 garbage, refuse and other solid waste collection, treatment, and
12 disposal facilities;

13 (c) Adopt rules controlling public health related to environmental
14 conditions including but not limited to heating, lighting, ventilation,
15 sanitary facilities, cleanliness and space in all types of public
16 facilities including but not limited to food service establishments,
17 schools, institutions, recreational facilities and transient
18 accommodations and in places of work;

19 (d) Adopt rules for the imposition and use of isolation and
20 quarantine;

21 (e) Adopt rules for the prevention and control of infectious and
22 noninfectious diseases, including food and vector borne illness, and
23 rules governing the receipt and conveyance of remains of deceased
24 persons, and such other sanitary matters as admit of and may best be
25 controlled by universal rule; and

26 (f) Adopt rules for accessing existing data bases for the purposes
27 of performing health related research.

28 (3) The state board may delegate any of its rule-adopting authority
29 to the secretary and rescind such delegated authority.

30 (4) All local boards of health, health authorities and officials,
31 officers of state institutions, police officers, sheriffs, constables,
32 and all other officers and employees of the state, or any county, city,
33 or township thereof, shall enforce all rules adopted by the state board
34 of health. In the event of failure or refusal on the part of any
35 member of such boards or any other official or person mentioned in this
36 section to so act, he shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty
37 dollars, upon first conviction, and not less than one hundred dollars
38 upon second conviction.

1 (5) The state board may advise the secretary on health policy
2 issues pertaining to the department of health and the state.

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