

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6158**

53rd Legislature  
1994 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6158** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Talmadge, Moyer, Wojahn and McAuliffe; by request of  
Department of Health

Read first time 01/14/94. Referred to Committee on Health & Human  
Services.

1            AN ACT Relating to tuberculosis; and adding new sections to chapter  
2 70.28 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.28 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Tuberculosis has been and continues to be a threat to the  
7 public's health in the state of Washington.

8            (2) While it is important to respect the rights of individuals, the  
9 legitimate public interest in protecting the public health and welfare  
10 from the spread of a deadly infectious disease outweighs incidental  
11 curtailment of individual rights that may occur in implementing  
12 effective testing, treatment, and infection control strategies.

13            (3) To protect the public's health, it is the intent of the  
14 legislature that local health officials provide culturally sensitive  
15 and medically appropriate early diagnosis, treatment, education, and  
16 follow-up to prevent tuberculosis. Further, it is imperative that  
17 public health officials and their staff have the necessary authority  
18 and discretion to take actions as are necessary to protect the health  
19 and welfare of the public, subject to the constitutional protection

1 required under the federal and state Constitutions. Nothing in this  
2 chapter shall be construed as in any way limiting the broad powers of  
3 health officials to act as necessary to protect the public health.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.28 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The state board of health shall adopt rules establishing the  
7 requirements for:

8 (a) Reporting confirmed or suspected cases of tuberculosis by  
9 health care providers and reporting of laboratory results consistent  
10 with tuberculosis by medical test sites;

11 (b) Due process standards for health officers exercising their  
12 authority to involuntarily detain, test, treat, or isolate persons with  
13 suspected or confirmed tuberculosis under RCW 70.28.031 and 70.05.070  
14 that provide for release from any involuntary detention, testing,  
15 treatment, or isolation as soon as the health officer determines the  
16 patient no longer represents a risk to the public's health;

17 (c) Training of persons to perform tuberculosis skin testing and to  
18 administer tuberculosis medications.

19 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, persons trained  
20 under subsection (1)(c) of this section may perform skin testing and  
21 administer medications if doing so as part of a program established by  
22 a state or local health officer to control tuberculosis.

23 (3) The board shall adopt rules under subsection (1) of this  
24 section by December 31, 1994.