

2703-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Skinner, Cody and Wood)

Brief Description: Studying the costs and benefits of fluoride in public water supplies.

**HB 2703-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the state of Washington has a compelling need for current, reliable, and comprehensive information regarding the potential benefits of fluoridation in reducing expenditures incurred by medicaid and other public health programs.

Directs the department of health to study the costs and benefits of dental disease prevention through fluoridation of public water supplies.

Requires that the costs of the study shall be borne by foundation grants.

Requires the department of health to submit a report of its findings to the legislature by December 31, 2002.