

**SB 5695 - DIGEST**

Directs the department to conduct biomonitoring, in consultation with the department of ecology, local health jurisdictions, and other public health agencies, to assist public health agencies and policymakers in allocating resources to maximize improvements in environmental public health by: (1) Determining levels of exposure to environmental chemicals in population groups that may be at increased risk of exposure;

(2) Measuring the prevalence of elevated levels of environmental chemicals in specific population groups;

(3) Interpreting the public health significance of environmental monitoring data;

(4) Assessing effectiveness of public health efforts to reduce exposure to specific populations to environmental chemicals; and

(5) Determining the impact of public health efforts to reduce high levels of environmental chemicals.

Requires that, by December 1, 2007, the department of health shall, in consultation with the department of ecology and local health jurisdictions, provide recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives for funding the biomonitoring program.

Appropriates the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the state toxics control account to the department of health for the purposes of this act.