

SB 5729 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares that protecting the public's health across the state is a fundamental responsibility of the state. With the commitment to state funding of the public health system as provided in this act, the state expects that measurable benefits will be realized to the health of the residents of Washington. In addition, a well-funded public health system is expected to become a more integral part of the state's emergency preparedness system.

Requires this increase in public health funding to deliver the following outcomes, subject to available funding levels: (1) Create a disease response system capable of responding at all times;

(2) Stop the increase in, and reduce, sexually transmitted disease rates;

(3) Reduce vaccine preventable diseases;

(4) Build capacity to quickly contain disease outbreaks;

(5) Decrease childhood obesity and diabetes rates;

(6) Increase childhood immunization rates;

(7) Provide home visiting services that improve birth outcomes and decrease child abuse;

(8) Reduce animal-to-human disease rates; and

(9) Monitor and protect drinking water across jurisdictional boundaries.

Requires that, by April 1, 2008, the committee shall develop a list of activities and services offered by local health jurisdictions that qualify as core public health functions of statewide significance as defined in this act.

Requires that, by October 1, 2008, the committee shall develop appropriate performance measures applicable to the core public health functions of statewide significance that local health jurisdictions must provide pursuant to this act.

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2009, local health jurisdictions are eligible to receive funds under this act from the local public health financing account only upon demonstrating that the local health jurisdiction has: (1) Complied with the performance measures adopted under this act; and

(2) Spent funds received after July 1, 2008, under this act in accordance with the criteria established in that act.

Requires that, by November 15, 2011, the department shall report to the legislature and the governor on the distribution of funds under this act and the use of those funds. In addition, the report must discuss the performance measures adopted by the advisory committee and the impact of the funds to improve compliance with the performance measures and health status indicators.