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By Representatives Short and Kretz

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing local health jurisdictions to  
2 approve certain group B water systems based upon their delivery of  
3 water meeting safe drinking water standards for household use;  
4 amending RCW 43.20.050; and adding a new section to chapter 70.119A  
5 RCW.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.20.050 and 2011 c 27 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

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

16 In fulfilling its responsibilities under this subsection, the  
17 state board may create ad hoc committees or other such committees of  
18 limited duration as necessary.

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

1 (a) Adopt rules for group A public water systems, as defined in  
2 RCW 70.119A.020, necessary to assure safe and reliable public  
3 drinking water and to protect the public health. Such rules shall  
4 establish requirements regarding:

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

8 (ii) Drinking water quality standards, monitoring requirements,  
9 and laboratory certification requirements;

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

11 (iv) Public water system planning and emergency response  
12 requirements;

13 (v) Public water system operation and maintenance requirements;

14 (vi) Water quality, reliability, and management of existing but  
15 inadequate public water systems; and

16 (vii) Quality standards for the source or supply, or both source  
17 and supply, of water for bottled water plants;

18 (b)(i) Adopt rules as necessary for group B public water systems,  
19 as defined in RCW 70.119A.020. The rules shall, at a minimum,  
20 establish requirements regarding the initial design and construction  
21 of a public water system. The state board of health rules may waive  
22 some or all requirements for group B public water systems with fewer  
23 than five connections.

24 (ii) Irrespective of the rules adopted pursuant to this  
25 subsection (2)(b), a local health jurisdiction, as defined in RCW  
26 70.119A.020, may review and approve the design and construction of a  
27 group B system serving nine or fewer connections if the system  
28 provides evidence to the local health jurisdiction that the water  
29 provided for indoor household use meets or will meet the requirements  
30 of the federal safe drinking water act as defined in RCW 70.119A.020  
31 and without respect to the quality of the raw groundwater source used  
32 for the group B system. The local health jurisdiction is not required  
33 to adopt an ordinance or rule, or to participate in a joint plan of  
34 responsibility, as that term is defined in chapter 246-291 WAC as of  
35 the effective date of this section, in order to exercise this  
36 authority granted in (b)(ii) of this subsection;

37 (c) Adopt rules and standards for prevention, control, and  
38 abatement of health hazards and nuisances related to the disposal of  
39 human and animal excreta and animal remains;

1 (d) Adopt rules controlling public health related to  
2 environmental conditions including but not limited to heating,  
3 lighting, ventilation, sanitary facilities, and cleanliness in public  
4 facilities including but not limited to food service establishments,  
5 schools, recreational facilities, and transient accommodations;

6 (e) Adopt rules for the imposition and use of isolation and  
7 quarantine;

8 (f) Adopt rules for the prevention and control of infectious and  
9 noninfectious diseases, including food and vector borne illness, and  
10 rules governing the receipt and conveyance of remains of deceased  
11 persons, and such other sanitary matters as may best be controlled by  
12 universal rule; and

13 (g) Adopt rules for accessing existing databases for the purposes  
14 of performing health related research.

15 (3) The state board shall adopt rules for the design,  
16 construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of those  
17 on-site sewage systems with design flows of less than three thousand  
18 five hundred gallons per day.

19 (4) The state board may delegate any of its rule-adopting  
20 authority to the secretary and rescind such delegated authority.

21 (5) All local boards of health, health authorities and officials,  
22 officers of state institutions, police officers, sheriffs,  
23 constables, and all other officers and employees of the state, or any  
24 county, city, or township thereof, shall enforce all rules adopted by  
25 the state board of health. In the event of failure or refusal on the  
26 part of any member of such boards or any other official or person  
27 mentioned in this section to so act, he or she shall be subject to a  
28 fine of not less than fifty dollars, upon first conviction, and not  
29 less than one hundred dollars upon second conviction.

30 (6) The state board may advise the secretary on health policy  
31 issues pertaining to the department of health and the state.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.119A  
33 RCW to read as follows:

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35 review and approve the design and construction of a group B system  
36 serving nine or fewer connections if the system provides evidence to  
37 the local health jurisdiction that the water provided for indoor  
38 household use meets or will meet the requirements of the federal safe  
39 drinking water act as defined in RCW 70.119A.020 and without respect

1 to the quality of the raw groundwater source used for the group B  
2 system. The local health jurisdiction is not required to adopt an  
3 ordinance or rule, or to participate in a joint plan of  
4 responsibility, as that term is defined in chapter 246-291 WAC as of  
5 the effective date of this section, in order to exercise this  
6 authority granted in RCW 43.20.050(2)(b).

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