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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1251**

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**State of Washington**

**68th Legislature**

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**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Stonier, Bateman, Reed, Riccelli, and Pollet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to water systems' notice to customers of public  
2 health considerations; and adding a new section to chapter 70A.125  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.125  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A public water system that considers discontinuing fluoridation  
8 of its water supply on a continuing basis shall notify its customers  
9 of its intentions at least 90 days prior to a vote or decision on the  
10 matter. The water system shall notify its customers via radio,  
11 television, newspaper, regular mail, electronic means, or any  
12 combination of notification methods which most effectively notifies  
13 customers at least 90 days prior to any meeting at which the vote or  
14 decision will occur. Any public water system that violates the  
15 notification requirements of this subsection shall return the  
16 fluoridation of its water supply to its previous optimal level until  
17 proper notification is provided under the provisions of this section.

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