



Washington State Board of Health

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The Washington State Board of Health is established in the State Constitution and serves our state by working to understand and prevent disease across the entire population. The Board provides leadership through rulemaking and policy development, and by offering a public forum that enables citizens to help shape state health policy.

Services:

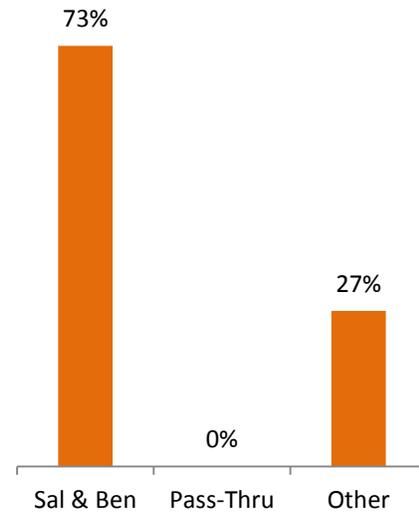
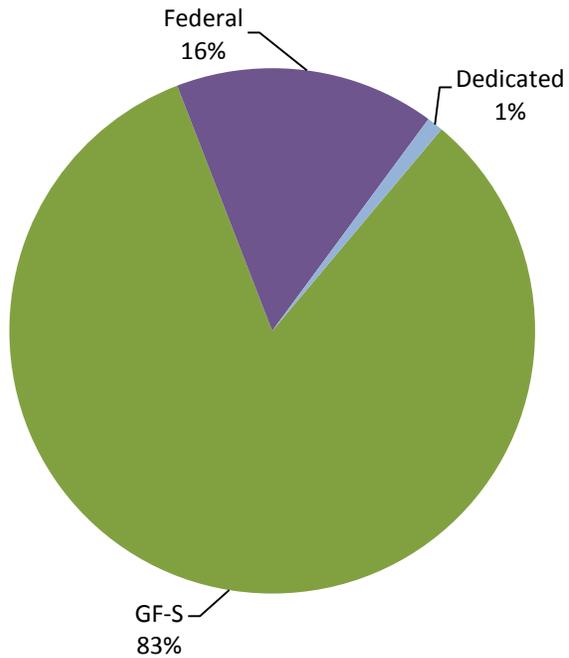
- Work closely with the Department of Health and other partners to examine best practices, review scientific literature, and engage the regulated community and public to develop a wide variety of public health rules, including:
 - Disease reporting
 - Vital Statistics
 - Drinking water systems
 - Septic tanks/ onsite sewage disposal
 - HIV testing and partner notification
 - Immunizations
 - Food service
 - School environmental health
 - Hotels and Motels
 - Newborn screening
- Work in partnership with state and local agencies, and others to develop statewide policy recommendations and explore ways to improve the public's health. For example, in partnership with Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Board developed *Research Review: School-based Health Interventions and Academic Achievement*. This report identifies health interventions and resources that can positively affect student health and academic achievement.
- Engage the public through public meetings, and outreach to local boards of health and advisory groups. Examples of this work include public forums and briefings on issues such as newborn screening, opioid abuse, and the health status of Washington residents.
- Staff and support the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities. The Council is charged with creating a biennial action plan for eliminating health disparities by race, ethnicity and gender. The Council's 2010 Action Plan focused on: education, healthcare workforce diversity, health insurance coverage, obesity, and diabetes. This work is funded by both General Fund-State and federal dollars, and is the only work that is funded with federal dollars.

Stakeholders:

- Tribes
- Local health jurisdictions and governments
- State agencies including: Department of Health, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the departments of Ecology, Agriculture, Corrections Fish and Wildlife, Social and Health Services, Health Care Authority, and Early Learning
- Commissions on African American, Asian Pacific American, and Hispanic Affairs
- Regulated entities including: hotels and motels, health care facilities and providers, pool operators, onsite systems designers, grocers, restaurant owners, funeral home directors, public school districts, private schools, water purveyors, and shellfish growers
- Non-regulated entities including: the American Indian Health Board and community based organizations

Washington State Board of Health Fiscal Information

2011-13 biennium:	\$1,626,000	Division allotments
	\$222,000	Agency Indirects
	\$1,848,000	Total Funding



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	1,546,000	297,000	5,000	0	1,848,000	1,353,000	0	495,000

Recent Funding History

- In the 2009-11 enacted budget, funding for health impact reviews was suspended, then eliminated in the 2011-13 final legislative budget: \$119,000 GF-S per year.
- 2007-2012: Awarded multi-year federal grant for health disparities community outreach; \$125,000 GF-F per year, award increased to \$150,000 per year in 2010.