

2014 State Board of Health bill tracking

A selection of bills we followed this legislative session

2153 - Eosinophilic GI disorders

Description: Health benefit plans, including the plans offered to public employees and their covered dependents, that are issued or renewed after December 31, 2015, must offer benefits or coverage for medically necessary elemental formula, regard less of delivery method, when a licensed health care provider with prescriptive authority (1) diagnoses a patient with EGIDs; and (2) orders and supervises the use of the elemental formula.

Board staff action: Monitored the bill. Staff participated in the sunrise review panel whose recommendations informed this bill.

2544 - Newborn screening

Description: Hospitals and health care providers attending out-of-hospital births must collect and submit sample blood specimens to the Department for all newborns within 48 hours of birth. The sample must be received by the Department within 72 hours of the collection of the sample, excepting any days that the Washington State Public Health Laboratory is closed.

Board staff action: Staff signed in and offered testimony in support of this bill. Staff worked with the sponsor and representatives from DOH, the hospital and midwifery associations to craft amendments.

2569 - Diesel emissions pollution

Description: Ecology is authorized to issue loans to state and local governments that own diesel equipment or vehicles for equipment or vehicles that spend at least half of their operating time in Washington. Ecology must prioritize loan allocations based on the anticipated return on investment from projects, with additional consideration given to projects' environmental, human health, and greenhouse gas benefits.

Board staff action: Staff signed in support of this bill.

5964 - Public records and meetings

Description: Every member of the governing body of a public agency must complete training in the OPMA requirements within 90 days of assuming their duties, and complete training at least once every four years. Officials in statewide or local elective office must complete training in the PRA requirements and records retention protocols within 90 days of assuming their duties, and Complete refresher training at least once every four years as long as they remain in office. The trainings may be completed remotely.

6065 - Tanning devices/UV radiation

Description: Prohibits minors from using ultraviolet tanning devices without a prescription from a physician.

Board staff action: Staff signed in support of this bill.

6388 - Wholesale pass-through food distributors

Description: A "direct retailer" is defined as an entity that receives prepackaged food from a food processor which is either licensed or inspected, or both, by a state or federal regulatory agency or department and that delivers the food directly to consumers who only placed and paid for an order on the entity's website. A licensed direct retailer must protect food from contamination, and in the event of a food recall or foodborne illness outbreak, use their customer listserv to notify customers. A licensed direct retailer is exempt from the permitting requirements of food service rules adopted by the State Board of Health and local health jurisdictions.

Board staff actions: Board staff signed in with concerns on the original version of the bill and emailed the committee about those concerns; testimony in the bill's hearing was provided by Environmental Health Committee Chair Keith Grellner. Board staff provided technical feedback to legislative staff. Board staff did not sign in for the hearing in the opposite side of the house due to changes in the bill that were made based on several stakeholder agency requests.

Bills that died

1538 Public health nurse dispensing

Description: Allows registered nurses who are employed by local health departments to dispense a drug or device of preventing or treating communicable disease or family planning.

Board staff action: Signed in support of this bill.

2410 - Student nutrition/grants

Description: the Apple a Day program, an equipment assistance grant program, is established to enhance student nutrition in public schools. Equipment is defined as articles of nonexpendable, tangible personal property with a useful life of at least 13 years and a per-unit cost of \$1,000 and may include the purchase of new equipment, renovation of existing equipment, or replacement equipment. Minor capital improvements required to accommodate the installation of equipment may also be eligible for state assistance.

2610 - Homeless youth population

Description: WSIPP must conduct an analysis to identify characteristics of the homeless youth population ages birth to ten years.

2643 - Healthiest next generation

Description: Governor Inslee's healthiest next generation package. Linking efforts with private and public partnerships to help produce Washington's healthiest next generation. The bill creates the Governor's Council for the Healthiest Next Generation to identify policy actions based on data, measure work currently underway and consider innovative incentives to help children be more active and healthy.

Board staff action: Staff signed in support of this bill.

2086 Smoking in Motor Vehicles Carrying Minors

Description: Establishes a traffic infraction for a person who smokes (pipe, cigar, or cigarette) in a vehicle carrying a minor.

Board staff action: Staff sent a letter to the House Committee re: Maine study findings, signed in support of the bill.

6047 - Cottage food operations

Description: Increases the gross income limit for cottage food operations from \$15,000 To \$25,000.

Board staff action: Staff signed in support of this bill in its original form.

6060 - Public water systems

Description: Modifies the public participation requirements of the Growth Management Act by establishing new notification provisions related to Group A public water systems.

Board staff action: Staff requested a technical amendment to this bill, which originally referenced WAC, the amended bill was changed to reference the RCW and not the WAC.

6297 - Childhood immunization info

Description: Directs the Department of Health to make resources available to expecting parents regarding recommended childhood immunizations, and allowing flexible approaches to vaccines.

Board staff action: Staff signed in opposed to the bill as amended in the house. Staff also emailed committee members and staff expressing opposition.