



DATE: January 13, 2016

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Michelle Davis
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SUBJECT: DRAFT STATEMENT OF BOARD ON POSSIBLE 2016 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Background and Summary:

Washington State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The policy calls for the creation of a Board policy statement that guides staff activities and individual Board members as issues arise during the legislative session.

At our November meeting, I provided members with a copy of the “Statement of Policy on Possible 2015 Issues” and requested suggestions for the 2016 statement. Since then, I consulted with staff and drafted a 2016 statement based the feedback we received and information regarding possible legislative requests that our partners may submit.

The draft 2016 Statement of Possible Legislative issues is located under tab 11, for your consideration and possible adoption today. If adopted by the Board, this document will guide staff during the 2016 legislative session, which convened on January 11.

Recommended Board Action: The Board may wish to consider the following motion:

The Board adopts the Statement of Policy on Possible 2015 Legislative Issues as submitted on January 13, 2016.