



DATE: April 13, 2016

TO: Washington State Board of Health

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SUBJECT: 2016 STATE HEALTH REPORT

Background and Summary:

RCW 43.20.100 requires the Washington State Board of Health to develop a “State Health Report” by July 1 of each even-numbered year. The report includes “suggestions for public health priorities for the following biennium and such legislative action as it deems necessary.” The Board’s 2014 report focused on the Board’s Oral Health Strategies, Health Impact Reviews, and the Health Disparities Council’s recommendations to improve language access. In 2012 the Board invited state agencies involved in health issues to contribute essays about their work to improve the public’s health.

The 2016 Report is due July 1. Staff will take information from today’s discussion and draft a report for the Board’s approval at its June 6 meeting in Everett.