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Summary of Recommendations

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Summary of Overall Approach

- Remediate known sources to prevent future exposures:
 - ✓ Lead paint hazards in rental housing, child cares, private homes, and schools.
 - ✓ Drinking water infrastructure and fixtures with lead.
- Identify children with elevated blood lead levels and remediate the specific source of exposure.

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Office of Drinking Water Activities Underway

- Conducting a survey of Group A water systems to help identify lead service lines.
- Revised the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan criteria to prioritize lead service line replacement.
- Ongoing guidance to schools on drinking water testing and messaging.

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School Rule

- Require testing drinking water in all schools for lead as a part of a state wide school environmental health program based on the existing rules.
 - ✓ Inspections by local health jurisdictions should be at least every three years.
 - ✓ Drinking water testing using EPA 3Ts guidance could be spread out over six years; those elementary schools without recent tests are the highest priority.
- Update the K-12 Health and Safety Guide.
- Update chapter 246-366A WAC in six years.

Budget Request

- \$ 4.5 million GFS annual operating.

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Rental Inspection and Registry

- Amend the Landlord-Tenant Act to require all rental units built before 1960 to be assessed for lead hazards and remediated if a hazard is identified.
- Department of Health (DOH) should work to support and expand rental inspection programs at the municipal level.

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Child Care Evaluation

- Department of Early Learning should amend their rules to require:
 - ✓ Testing drinking water for lead in all child care facilities consistent with schools.
 - ✓ Evaluating child care facilities for lead paint hazards and soil hazards based on age of facility and historical land use. Require remediation when lead hazards are confirmed by a renovation, repair, and painting certified lead assessor.
- DOH and Department of Commerce should provide training to DEL licensors and child care providers on how to identify lead hazards and best practices for avoiding lead exposure.

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Blood Lead Registry

- Request the State Board of Health revise the notifiable conditions rules to require labs to report all notifiable conditions electronically, including blood lead tests.
- Build on Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS) to create a fully electronic lead database and build internal department infrastructure to receive Meaningful Use Stage 3 electronic blood lead case reporting via the Health Information Exchange. Include the WDRS property tracking module.

Budget Request

- See Below.

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Screening and Case Management

- Build public health system capacity to identify and respond to children with elevated blood lead levels.
 - ✓ Increase screening of children on Medicaid and other high risk children through outreach to doctors and parents.
 - ✓ Create a consistent system statewide for case management and follow up of children.

Budget Request

- \$1.5 million annually.

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Remediation

- Create a pilot program Lead Remediation Revolving Fund.

Budget Request

- \$150,000 GFS annual operating.
- \$1 million annual capital budget.

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Next Steps

- Finalize Draft Report and deliver to Governor.
- Develop Decision Packages to support recommendations.

Total Request

- \$6.15 million annual operating.
- \$ 1 million annual capital.