



DATE: November 9, 2016

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND SENSE OF THE BOARD

Background and Summary:

Washington State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 outlines the Board’s procedures for monitoring legislative activities, and communicating the Board’s position on issues to the Legislature. The policy allows for the creation of a “Statement of Likely Legislative Issues” that describes the Board’s general position on policy issues that may come before the Legislature. This document guides the activities of staff and individual Board members as issues arise during session. I have attached copies of both documents for discussion purposes.

Today, I will present a brief overview of the 105-day session that will begin January 11, 2017. The overview will be followed by an opportunity to review the 2016 Sense of the Board document. Comments from today’s meeting, as well as any subsequent comments from Board members, will help staff draft “Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2017 Legislative Issues” for this Board to consider and possibly adopt at its January 11, 2017 meeting.

Recommended Board Action:

None