

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH COMPOSITION RULEMAKING SUMMARY AND TIMELINE

### JUNE 2021

#### Background

The State Board of Health (Board) is considering rulemaking to establish a new chapter of rule to implement Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1152, passed by the Legislature in 2021. The legislation requires the Board to adopt rules for the appointment process of non-elected members of local boards of health.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt rules as required of the Board in [E2SHB 1152](#). Among other changes, the legislation creates new requirements for local board of health membership, requiring equal representation by elected and non-elected members. Newly required non-elected members must come from a prescribed list of health care, public health, and community groups. The Board is tasked with adopting rules to establish the appointment process of non-elected members. This process must be in a manner that is fair and unbiased, and which ensures, to the extent possible, a balanced representation of elected and non-elected peoples with a diversity of expertise and experience.

#### Next Steps

The Board is working to identify interested parties and begin research to understand current composition of local boards of health across Washington state. Staff will send updates to the Board's local board of health composition interested parties list and post updates on the Board's website to outline how our partners and interested parties can provide feedback, submit written commit, or provide testimony at future hearings. A [CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry](#), was filed on June 9, 2021. Staff anticipate working with interested parties throughout Summer 2021 and begin drafting proposed rules in Fall 2021

#### Contact Information

To be added to our interested parties list to be notified of rule updates and opportunities for public comment, please email [lbohcomposition@sboh.wa.gov](mailto:lbohcomposition@sboh.wa.gov). For more information about this rule, please contact:

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<b>ESTIMATED RULEMAKING TIMELINE</b>		
<b>Rule Activity</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
File CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry	June 2021	June 9, 2021
Research and drafting of possible revisions	Summer 2021 – Fall 2021	
Distribute informal draft for comment	October 2021	
Revise draft, address comments	November - January 2022	
Briefing to the Washington State Board of Health	January 2022	
File CR-102, Proposed Rule	March 2022	
Formal public comment period	March 2022	
Washington State Board of Health Public Hearing	April 2022	
Rules effective	July 1, 2022	

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Washington State Board of Health has altered the pace of some rulemaking projects to ensure the public, Board members and staff are safe and remain healthy during this pandemic. These measures may cause periodic delays in our work. Our goal is to continue our commitment to inform the public of the work we do while helping to protect the health and safety of Washingtonians. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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