

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: January 13, 2021

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Michelle Davis, Executive Director

Subject: Draft Statement of the Board on 2021 Legislative Issues

Background and Summary:

Washington State Board of Health (Board) Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring proposed policy and budget issues during legislative session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The policy requires staff to develop for the Board's consideration, a policy statement to guide staff and individual Board members during the legislative session.

At our November meeting, I provided members with a copy of the "Statement of Policy on Possible 2019-2020 Issues" and requested suggestions on this year's statement. Since then, I consulted with staff and drafted the attached statement based on your feedback and information we received from our partners regarding anticipated legislative proposals.

I am asking for your consideration and adoption of 2021 Statement of Possible Legislative Issues. If adopted by the Board, this document will guide staff during the 2021 legislative session, which began on Monday, January 11.

Recommended Board Actions:

The Board may wish to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt one of the following motions:

The Board adopts the Statement of Policy on Possible 2021 Legislative Issues as discussed on January 13, 2021.

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