

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

**Date:** March 9, 2022

**To:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**From:** Temple Lentz, Board Member

**Subject:** Briefing – Chapter 246-90 WAC, Local Board of Health Composition

## Background and Summary:

During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1152, Supporting measures to create comprehensive public health districts. 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.

E2SHB 1152 directs the State Board of Health (Board) to adopt 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. The Board's rules must go into effect no later than July 25, 2022.

On June 9, 2021, the Board filed a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, to establish chapter 246-90 WAC, a new chapter, to implement E2SHB 1152. To date, Board staff have:

- Developed proposed rules in close collaboration with interested parties via two informal comment periods
- Begun updating existing Board publications that serve to orient local board of health members to the governmental public health system
- Filed a CR-102, Proposed Rule, on February 25, 2022 as WSR 22-06-063 with the code reviser and provided notice to interested parties of the formal public comment period

I have invited Sam Pskowski and Kaitlyn Donahoe, Board Staff, to provide a brief overview and update of this work, including formal public comments received thus far, in anticipation of a rules hearing at the Board's April meeting. The Board will not take action on this item today.

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