

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: January 10, 2024

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Michelle Davis, Executive Director

Subject: Draft Statement of the Board on Possible 2024 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 calls for the creation of a Board policy statement that guides staff activities and individual Board Members as issues arise during the legislative session.

At our November meeting, I provided Members with a copy of the “Statement of the Board on Possible Legislative Issues 2021-2023 Biennium” and requested suggestions for this year’s statement. Since then, I consulted with staff and drafted the attached statement, based on information that we have regarding public health system priorities and Board Member feedback.

I am asking for your consideration and adoption of the 2024 Statement of Policy on Possible Legislative issues. If adopted by the Board, this document will guide staff during the 2024 legislative session, which convened on January 8, 2024.

Recommended Board Actions:

The Board may wish to consider, or amend as needed, the following motion:
The Board adopts the Statement of Policy on Possible 2024 Legislative Issues as discussed on January 10, 2024.

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