

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

**Date:** January 8, 2025

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

**From:** Michelle Davis, Executive Director

**Subject:** Draft Statement of the Board on Possible 2025 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 October meeting, I provided Members with a copy of the “Statement of the Board on Possible Legislative Issues 2023-2025 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 2025 Statement of Policy on Possible Legislative issues. If adopted by the Board, this document will guide staff during the 2025 legislative session, which convenes on January 13, 2025.

## 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 2025 Legislative Issues as discussed on January 8, 2025.

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