



School Environmental Health and Safety Rule Project

Legislative Report Review

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Proviso

Funding & Purpose

- \$750,000 allocated for FY 2025 to update school health & safety rules.
- Goal: Establish minimum statewide health & safety standards for schools.

Key Considerations

- School district size & regional cost differences.
- Age of schools & feasibility of phased implementation.
- Other variables impacting rule implementation.

Final Report

- Due June 30, 2025
- Draft rules with advisory committee input.
- Sections prioritized with the greatest student health & safety benefits
- Recommended implementation order
- Additional recommendations for rule implementation
- Include a fiscal analysis.
- Include an environmental justice assessment.

Proviso

Advisory Committee Composition

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- Small & large school districts
- WA Association of School Administrators
- WA State School Directors' Association
- WA Association of Maintenance & Operations Administrators
- WA Association of School Business Officials

Full Project Representation

Associations

- Association of Washington School Principals
- School OPS
- The Rural Alliance
- Washington Association of Maintenance & Operations Administrators (WAMOA)
- Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA)
- Washington Association of School Business Officials (WASBO)
- Washington Education Association
- Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO)
- Washington State Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Public School Districts

- Auburn
- Bellingham Public Schools
- Evergreen (Clark County)
- Inchelium
- Lake Washington
- Richland
- South Kitsap
- Spokane

Private Schools

- Washington Federation of Independent Schools
- Washington State Catholic Conference/Catholic Schools

Health Districts

- Spokane
- Benton-Franklin
- Whatcom

State Agencies

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- Washington State Department of Health (Department)
- Washington State Board of Health (Board)

Community Engagement

In-Person Listening Sessions held throughout WA State, 2024 – 2025

- Yakima
- Olympia
- Spokane
- Tri-Cities
- Vancouver
- Auburn

3 Online Listening Sessions

- 1 daytime and 2 evening sessions

Tribal outreach:

- 29 Federally Recognized Tribes invited to two separate Tribal Listening Session
- 12 Tribal educational or community organizations

9 Educational Service Districts

- 24 school districts
- Flyers to families of 198,232 students
- 364 schools contacted

Community outreach:

- Latino
- BIPOC
- LGBTQ
- Disability
- Other community-based organizations

Environmental Justice Assessment

Summary

- Included in the Legislative Report

Full report

- Full Background
- Section 1: Benefits and Harms
- Section 2: Identifying Overburdened Communities and Vulnerable Populations
- Section 3: Tribal Engagement and Consultation
- Section 4: Community Engagement Summary
- Section 5: Strategies to Address Environmental Harms and Equitably Distribute Environmental Benefits

Summary of Changes

No Change from chapter 246-366 WAC

- Noise
- Lighting
- Severability
- Appeals

Updated

- Definitions
- Guidance
- Site Assessments
- Construction Plan Review
- Routine Inspection
- General Building
- Showers and Restrooms

New

- Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation
- Imminent Health Hazards
- Playgrounds
- Specialized Rooms

Legislative Report

- Patty's Cover Letter
- Executive Summary
- Background
- Environmental Justice Summary
- Proposed Rule
- Fiscal Report
- Implementation Recommendations
- Discussions and Concerns

Motions

1. The Board approves the draft legislative report and directs staff to finalize in consultation with the Chair and submit to the Office of the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

OR

2. The Board directs staff to continue refining the draft report.

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