



REQUEST FOR DELEGATED RULEMAKING FOR HOUSE BILL 1181

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Summary of House Bill 1181 Related to Drinking Water

- Requirements for Department of Health:
 - Require a climate resilience element in water system plans initiated after June 30, 2025
 - Update DOH's Water System Planning Guidebook
 - Provide technical assistance
 - Provide financial assistance to eligible projects

Summary of House Bill 1181 Related to Drinking Water (cont.)

- Requirements for University of Washington Climate Impacts Group:
 - Assist DOH in developing tools and resources to help public water systems comply with the new requirements
- Requirements for Group A community public water systems serving 1,000 or more connections:
 - Assess climate risk
 - Assess critical assets
 - Complete cost benefit analysis

Potential Changes to Rule

- Add climate resilience element to WAC 246-290-100, Water system plan
- Reference RCW 43.20.310, Water system plans—Climate resilience element
- Non-substantive editorial changes to make the text easier to understand

SBOH Delegation Consideration

- Request aligns with the Board policy titled *Considering Delegation of Rules to Department of Health*
 - Minimal rulemaking changes-no material change to statutory language
 - No conflict with the substance of the state's current rule
 - Have broad public and professional consensus
 - Aligns with our current program practices
 - Opportunities for public review and comment on the proposed rule, including at a public hearing

DOH Preparation and Capacity for Rulemaking

- Rulemaking for chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A public water supplies:
 - Working with DOH Environmental Public Health rules staff and Board staff to prepare for rulemaking
 - Updated Drinking Water Advisory Group
- Office of Drinking Water has an internal workgroup to assist with:
 - Rulemaking activities, as needed
 - Webpages with resources
 - Guidance on compliance with the rule

Questions?



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