
HOUSE BILL 2581

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a statewide radiological baseline;
2 and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that under RCW
5 70.98.050, the department of health must develop a statewide
6 radiological baseline beginning with the establishment of a baseline
7 for the Hanford reservation.

8 (2) The legislature finds that establishing a statewide
9 radiological baseline is of great importance due to heightened concerns
10 of radiological terrorism. In particular, it is important to establish
11 radiological baselines for the more populated cities in Washington.

12 (3) The legislature further finds the department of health has
13 already begun development of a statewide radiological baseline but
14 requires funding to complete testing.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall continue
16 development of a statewide radiological baseline. At a minimum, the
17 department of health must establish radiological baselines for
18 Bellingham, Ellensburg, Olympia, Port Angeles, Seattle, Spokane,

1 Tacoma, Vancouver, Wenatchee, and Yakima. The baselines must include
2 taking at least thirty radiological measurements per city. The
3 department of health must prepare a report and place the report online
4 for public availability by January 1, 2009. The report must include an
5 analysis of the data obtained, a summary of the findings, and an
6 interpretation of the findings.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
8 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
9 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
10 void.

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