
HOUSE BILL 1558

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1 AN ACT Relating to inspections by local health officers; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 70.05 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.05 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The local health officer or his or her designee may enter upon any
7 property for the purpose of administering this chapter and exercising
8 any related power, including general inspection, examination, testing,
9 the taking of samples, and the performance of such acts as are
10 necessary for carrying out RCW 70.05.070.

11 If the local health officer or his or her designee is denied access
12 to the property and the access was sought to carry out the purpose and
13 provisions of this chapter, upon reasonable cause, the local health
14 officer may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for an
15 administrative search warrant for the purpose of making public health
16 inspections. The court may upon application find probable cause and
17 issue the administrative search warrant for this purpose.

18 It is sufficient probable cause to show any of the following:

1 (1) The inspection, examination, testing, or taking of samples is
2 pursuant to a general administrative plan to determine compliance with
3 laws or rules administered by the local health department or district;
4 or

5 (2) The local health officer or his or her designee has reason to
6 believe that a violation of a law or rule administered by the local
7 health department or district has occurred, is occurring, or may occur.

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