
SENATE BILL 5596

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By Senator Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to a performance audit of the department of
2 health's role in protecting the public from communicable diseases;
3 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review
6 committee shall conduct, or within available funds cause to be
7 conducted, a performance audit of the rules, policies, and procedures
8 of the department of health adopted to protect the public from exposure
9 to communicable diseases, including but not limited to tuberculosis,
10 all forms of hepatitis, and HIV/AIDS. The study must include, but is
11 not limited to:

12 (a) An examination of the effectiveness of rules, policies, and
13 procedures adopted, and activities performed, by the department of
14 health and a valid sample of local health jurisdictions to protect
15 members of the public who frequent restaurants, receive services from
16 health care providers or facilities, or come in contact with law
17 enforcement officers; and to protect food service workers, law
18 enforcement personnel including those working in state prisons or
19 county jails, prisoners and jail inmates, health care providers

1 regulated under Title 18 RCW, food processors, and other vulnerable
2 groups; and

3 (b) A determination of the effectiveness of testing programs
4 intended to determine the health status of individuals or the safety of
5 facilities or products offered to the public.

6 (2) The assessment of the effectiveness of rules, policies, and
7 procedures required under this section must include an assessment of
8 efforts that are intended to protect the public in ways other than by
9 providing education.

10 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall submit
11 a report on the study to the legislature by December 20, 1997.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 immediately.

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