
SENATE BILL 5173

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1 AN ACT Relating to an inspection scoring system for food service
2 establishments; and amending RCW 43.20.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.20.050 and 1993 c 492 s 489 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The state board of health shall provide a forum for the
7 development of public health policy in Washington state. It is
8 authorized to recommend to the secretary means for obtaining
9 appropriate citizen and professional involvement in all public health
10 policy formulation and other matters related to the powers and duties
11 of the department. It is further empowered to hold hearings and
12 explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry.

13 (a) At least every five years, the state board shall convene
14 regional forums to gather citizen input on public health issues.

15 (b) Every two years, in coordination with the development of the
16 state biennial budget, the state board shall prepare the state public
17 health report that outlines the health priorities of the ensuing
18 biennium. The report shall:

19 (i) Consider the citizen input gathered at the forums;

1 (ii) Be developed with the assistance of local health departments;
2 (iii) Be based on the best available information collected and
3 reviewed according to RCW 43.70.050 (~~and recommendations from the~~
4 ~~council~~);

5 (iv) Be developed with the input of state health care agencies. At
6 least the following directors of state agencies shall provide timely
7 recommendations to the state board on suggested health priorities for
8 the ensuing biennium: The secretary of social and health services, the
9 health care authority administrator, the insurance commissioner, the
10 superintendent of public instruction, the director of labor and
11 industries, the director of ecology, and the director of agriculture;

12 (v) Be used by state health care agency administrators in preparing
13 proposed agency budgets and executive request legislation;

14 (vi) Be submitted by the state board to the governor by January 1st
15 of each even-numbered year for adoption by the governor. The governor,
16 no later than March 1st of that year, shall approve, modify, or
17 disapprove the state public health report.

18 (c) In fulfilling its responsibilities under this subsection, the
19 state board may create ad hoc committees or other such committees of
20 limited duration as necessary.

21 (2) In order to protect public health, the state board of health
22 shall:

23 (a) Adopt rules necessary to assure safe and reliable public
24 drinking water and to protect the public health. Such rules shall
25 establish requirements regarding:

26 (i) The design and construction of public water system facilities,
27 including proper sizing of pipes and storage for the number and type of
28 customers;

29 (ii) Drinking water quality standards, monitoring requirements, and
30 laboratory certification requirements;

31 (iii) Public water system management and reporting requirements;

32 (iv) Public water system planning and emergency response
33 requirements;

34 (v) Public water system operation and maintenance requirements;

35 (vi) Water quality, reliability, and management of existing but
36 inadequate public water systems; and

37 (vii) Quality standards for the source or supply, or both source
38 and supply, of water for bottled water plants(~~(-)~~);

1 (b) Adopt rules and standards for prevention, control, and
2 abatement of health hazards and nuisances related to the disposal of
3 wastes, solid and liquid, including but not limited to sewage, garbage,
4 refuse, and other environmental contaminants; adopt standards and
5 procedures governing the design, construction, and operation of sewage,
6 garbage, refuse and other solid waste collection, treatment, and
7 disposal facilities;

8 (c) Adopt rules controlling public health related to environmental
9 conditions including but not limited to heating, lighting, ventilation,
10 sanitary facilities, cleanliness, and space in all types of public
11 facilities including but not limited to food service establishments,
12 schools, institutions, recreational facilities and transient
13 accommodations and in places of work;

14 (d) Adopt rules establishing a letter grade based on an inspection
15 scoring system for all food service establishments and requiring the
16 posting of a letter grade card upon issuance at the food service
17 establishment so as to be clearly visible to the general public and to
18 customers entering the food service establishment;

19 (e) Adopt rules for the imposition and use of isolation and
20 quarantine;

21 ~~((e))~~ (f) Adopt rules for the prevention and control of
22 infectious and noninfectious diseases, including food and vector borne
23 illness, and rules governing the receipt and conveyance of remains of
24 deceased persons, and such other sanitary matters as admit of and may
25 best be controlled by universal rule; and

26 ~~((f))~~ (g) Adopt rules for accessing existing data bases for the
27 purposes of performing health related research.

28 (3) The state board may delegate any of its rule-adopting authority
29 to the secretary and rescind such delegated authority.

30 (4) All local boards of health, health authorities and officials,
31 officers of state institutions, police officers, sheriffs, constables,
32 and all other officers and employees of the state, or any county, city,
33 or township thereof, shall enforce all rules adopted by the state board
34 of health. In the event of failure or refusal on the part of any
35 member of such boards or any other official or person mentioned in this
36 section to so act, he or she shall be subject to a fine of not less
37 than fifty dollars, upon first conviction, and not less than one
38 hundred dollars upon second conviction.

1 (5) The state board may advise the secretary on health policy
2 issues pertaining to the department of health and the state.

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