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HOUSE BILL 1646

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Government.

1            AN ACT Relating to the fluoridation of public water systems; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 43.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the  
5 public interest that before the fluoridation of a public water system,  
6 the customers of the public water system or the elected local public  
7 water system governing body should make the final decision on the  
8 addition of fluoride to the public water system.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11            The addition of fluoridation compounds to water provided by public  
12 water systems not adding fluoridation compounds as of the effective  
13 date of this section shall be permitted only upon an affirmative vote  
14 of:

15            (1) The public water system's customers; or

1           (2) The public water system's elected local governing body directly  
2 responsible to the department of health for utility operations.

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