
SENATE BILL 5764

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By Senators Roach, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Winsley, Rasmussen and Franklin

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1 AN ACT Relating to fluoridation of public water systems; adding a
2 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 prior to the fluoridation of a public water
6 system, the customers of the public water system or the customer-
7 elected local public water system governing body should make the final
8 decision on the 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 (1) The addition of fluoridation compounds to water provided by
12 public water systems not adding fluoridation compounds as of the
13 effective date of this act shall be permitted only upon an affirmative
14 vote of:

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

16 (b) The public water system's elected local governing body directly
17 responsible to the public water system customers and to the department
18 for utility operations.

1 (2) As used in this section, "public water system" is defined as
2 specified in RCW 70.119.020.

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