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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3167**

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**By** House Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Campbell, Hudgins, Dickerson, Chase, Williams, and McIntire)

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1       AN ACT Relating to evaluating environmental health conditions in  
2 state office buildings; and creating new sections.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of health in consultation  
5 with the department of general administration and the department of  
6 labor and industries shall convene and chair a work group to study  
7 approaches and techniques that are effective at preventing or  
8 minimizing the potential for adverse environmental health effects on  
9 occupants of state-owned office buildings and privately owned office  
10 buildings leased and occupied by state offices.

11       (2) The secretary of health shall establish the work group and  
12 include representatives from:       The department of general  
13 administration; the department of labor and industries; the state  
14 building code council; agency representatives of small, mid-size, and  
15 large facilities; state employee unions; industry representatives,  
16 including a representative from a professional trade association from  
17 the Olympia area that represents professional developers and owners of  
18 private office buildings leased to the state and occupied by state

1 offices; and other stakeholders as deemed appropriate by the department  
2 of health.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of health shall:

4 (a) Conduct a pilot study in the Olympia area of at least two  
5 state-owned buildings and one privately owned office building leased  
6 and occupied by state offices. The purpose of the study is to measure  
7 and monitor indoor air quality and general building conditions as they  
8 relate to an evaluation of potential environmental hazards that may  
9 negatively impact working conditions;

10 (b) Design a water quality sampling study to test the tap water at  
11 a minimum of two state-owned buildings and one privately owned office  
12 building leased and occupied by state offices for lead, copper, and  
13 other public health contaminants;

14 (c) Determine which state-owned office buildings and privately  
15 owned office buildings that are leased and occupied by state offices  
16 provide bottled water instead of using available tap water, and for  
17 those buildings report on:

18 (i) Reasons why the state offices are being provided with bottled  
19 water;

20 (ii) Barriers to using available tap water in the state offices  
21 including taste and water quality; and

22 (iii) Recommendations for policies to minimize the purchase of  
23 bottled water at all state-owned office buildings and privately owned  
24 office buildings leased by the state and occupied by state offices.

25 (2) Using the results from the pilot study, the water quality  
26 study, and the study of bottled water, the work group shall provide  
27 recommendations on practical cost-effective opportunities to minimize  
28 the potential adverse health effects on building occupants of state  
29 facilities. Recommendations may include statutory or regulatory  
30 changes, incentives, and other approaches. Recommendations must be  
31 presented in a report to the governor and appropriate committees of the  
32 legislature by December 1, 2009.

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