

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1152**

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67th Legislature  
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COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS

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Yeas 60 Nays 37

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 26 Nays 22

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1152** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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May 10, 2021

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State of Washington**

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Leavitt, Stonier, Ormsby, Lekanoff, Pollet, Bronoske, and Bateman; by request of Office of the Governor)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/21.

1 AN ACT Relating to supporting measures to create comprehensive  
2 public health districts; amending RCW 70.05.030, 70.05.035,  
3 70.46.020, and 70.46.031; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW;  
4 adding a new section to chapter 70.46 RCW; adding a new section to  
5 chapter 43.20 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective  
6 date.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that everyone in  
9 Washington state, no matter what community they live in, should be  
10 able to rely on a public health system that is able to support a  
11 standard level of public health service. Like public safety, there is  
12 a foundational level of public health delivery that must exist  
13 everywhere for services to work. A strong public health system is  
14 only possible with intentional investments into our state's public  
15 health system. Services should be delivered efficiently, equitably,  
16 and effectively, in ways that make the best use of technology,  
17 science, expertise, and leveraged resources and in a manner that is  
18 responsive to local communities.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The public health advisory board is established within the  
2 department. The advisory board shall:

3 (a) Advise and provide feedback to the governmental public health  
4 system and provide formal public recommendations on public health;

5 (b) Monitor the performance of the governmental public health  
6 system;

7 (c) Develop goals and a direction for public health in Washington  
8 and provide recommendations to improve public health performance and  
9 to achieve the identified goals and direction;

10 (d) Advise and report to the secretary;

11 (e) Coordinate with the governor's office, department, state  
12 board of health, local health jurisdictions, and the secretary;

13 (f) Evaluate public health emergency response and provide  
14 recommendations for future response, including coordinating with  
15 relevant committees, task forces, and stakeholders to analyze the  
16 COVID-19 public health response; and

17 (g) Evaluate the use of foundational public health services  
18 funding by the governmental public health system.

19 (2) The public health advisory board shall consist of  
20 representatives from each of the following appointed by the governor:

21 (a) The governor's office;

22 (b) The director of the state board of health or the director's  
23 designee;

24 (c) The secretary of the department or the secretary's designee;

25 (d) The chair of the governor's interagency council on health  
26 disparities;

27 (e) Two representatives from the tribal government public health  
28 sector selected by the American Indian health commission;

29 (f) One member of the county legislative authority from a eastern  
30 Washington county selected by a statewide association representing  
31 counties;

32 (g) One member of the county legislative authority from a western  
33 Washington county selected by a statewide association representing  
34 counties;

35 (h) An organization representing businesses in a region of the  
36 state;

37 (i) A statewide association representing community and migrant  
38 health centers;

39 (j) A statewide association representing Washington cities;

1 (k) Four representatives from local health jurisdictions selected  
2 by a statewide association representing local public health  
3 officials, including one from a jurisdiction east of the Cascade  
4 mountains with a population between 200,000 and 600,000, one from a  
5 jurisdiction east of the Cascade mountains with a population under  
6 200,000, one from a jurisdiction west of the Cascade mountains with a  
7 population between 200,000 and 600,000, and one from a jurisdiction  
8 west of the Cascade mountains with a population less than 200,000;

9 (l) A statewide association representing Washington hospitals;

10 (m) A statewide association representing Washington physicians;

11 (n) A statewide association representing Washington nurses;

12 (o) A statewide association representing Washington public health  
13 or public health professionals; and

14 (p) A consumer nonprofit organization representing marginalized  
15 populations.

16 (3) In addition to the members of the public health advisory  
17 board listed in subsection (2) of this section, there must be four  
18 nonvoting ex officio members from the legislature consisting of one  
19 legislator from each of the two largest caucuses in both the house of  
20 representatives and the senate.

21 (4) Staff support for the public health advisory board, including  
22 arranging meetings, must be provided by the department.

23 (5) Legislative members of the public health advisory board may  
24 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.  
25 Nonlegislative members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel  
26 expenses if they are elected officials or are participating on behalf  
27 of an employer, governmental entity, or other organization. Any  
28 reimbursement for other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter  
29 43.03 RCW.

30 (6) The public health advisory board is a class one group under  
31 chapter 43.03 RCW.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.05.030 and 1995 c 43 s 6 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 ~~((In counties without a home rule charter, the board of county  
35 commissioners shall constitute the local board of health, unless the  
36 county is part of a health district pursuant to chapter 70.46 RCW.  
37 The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be coextensive  
38 with the boundaries of said county. The board of county commissioners  
39 may, at its discretion, adopt an ordinance expanding the size and~~

1 ~~composition of the board of health to include elected officials from~~  
2 ~~cities and towns and persons other than elected officials as members~~  
3 ~~so long as persons other than elected officials do not constitute a~~  
4 ~~majority. An ordinance adopted under this section shall include~~  
5 ~~provisions for the appointment, term, and compensation, or~~  
6 ~~reimbursement of expenses.)~~)

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, for  
8 counties without a home rule charter, the board of county  
9 commissioners and the members selected under (a) and (e) of this  
10 subsection, shall constitute the local board of health, unless the  
11 county is part of a health district pursuant to chapter 70.46 RCW.  
12 The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be coextensive  
13 with the boundaries of the county.

14 (a) The remaining board members must be persons who are not  
15 elected officials and must be selected from the following categories  
16 consistent with the requirements of this section and the rules  
17 adopted by the state board of health under section 8 of this act:

18 (i) Public health, health care facilities, and providers. This  
19 category consists of persons practicing or employed in the county who  
20 are:

21 (A) Medical ethicists;

22 (B) Epidemiologists;

23 (C) Experienced in environmental public health, such as a  
24 registered sanitarian;

25 (D) Community health workers;

26 (E) Holders of master's degrees or higher in public health or the  
27 equivalent;

28 (F) Employees of a hospital located in the county; or

29 (G) Any of the following providers holding an active or retired  
30 license in good standing under Title 18 RCW:

31 (I) Physicians or osteopathic physicians;

32 (II) Advanced registered nurse practitioners;

33 (III) Physician assistants or osteopathic physician assistants;

34 (IV) Registered nurses;

35 (V) Dentists;

36 (VI) Naturopaths; or

37 (VII) Pharmacists;

38 (ii) Consumers of public health. This category consists of county  
39 residents who have self-identified as having faced significant health  
40 inequities or as having lived experiences with public health-related

1 programs such as: The special supplemental nutrition program for  
2 women, infants, and children; the supplemental nutrition program;  
3 home visiting; or treatment services. It is strongly encouraged that  
4 individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented  
5 communities are given preference. These individuals may not be  
6 elected officials and may not have any fiduciary obligation to a  
7 health facility or other health agency, and may not have a material  
8 financial interest in the rendering of health services; and

9 (iii) Other community stakeholders. This category consists of  
10 persons representing the following types of organizations located in  
11 the county:

12 (A) Community-based organizations or nonprofits that work with  
13 populations experiencing health inequities in the county;

14 (B) Active, reserve, or retired armed services members;

15 (C) The business community; or

16 (D) The environmental public health regulated community.

17 (b) The board members selected under (a) of this subsection must  
18 be approved by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners.

19 (c) If the number of board members selected under (a) of this  
20 subsection is evenly divisible by three, there must be an equal  
21 number of members selected from each of the three categories. If  
22 there are one or two members over the nearest multiple of three,  
23 those members may be selected from any of the three categories.  
24 However, if the board of health demonstrates that it attempted to  
25 recruit members from all three categories and was unable to do so,  
26 the board may select members only from the other two categories.

27 (d) There may be no more than one member selected under (a) of  
28 this subsection from one type of background or position.

29 (e) If a federally recognized Indian tribe holds reservation,  
30 trust lands, or has usual and accustomed areas within the county, or  
31 if a 501(c)(3) organization registered in Washington that serves  
32 American Indian and Alaska Native people and provides services within  
33 the county, the board of health must include a tribal representative  
34 selected by the American Indian health commission.

35 (f) The board of county commissioners may, at its discretion,  
36 adopt an ordinance expanding the size and composition of the board of  
37 health to include elected officials from cities and towns and persons  
38 other than elected officials as members so long as the city and  
39 county elected officials do not constitute a majority of the total  
40 membership of the board.

1 (g) Except as provided in (a) and (e) of this subsection, an  
2 ordinance adopted under this section shall include provisions for the  
3 appointment, term, and compensation, or reimbursement of expenses.

4 (h) The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be  
5 coextensive with the boundaries of the county.

6 (i) The local health officer, as described in RCW 70.05.050,  
7 shall be appointed by the official designated under the provisions of  
8 the county charter. The same official designated under the provisions  
9 of the county charter may appoint an administrative officer, as  
10 described in RCW 70.05.045.

11 (j) The number of members selected under (a) and (e) of this  
12 subsection must equal the number of city and county elected officials  
13 on the board of health.

14 (k) At the first meeting of a district board of health the  
15 members shall elect a chair to serve for a period of one year.

16 (l) Any decision by the board of health related to the setting or  
17 modification of permit, licensing, and application fees may only be  
18 determined by the city and county elected officials on the board.

19 (2) A local board of health comprised solely of elected officials  
20 may retain this composition if the local health jurisdiction had a  
21 public health advisory committee or board with its own bylaws  
22 established on January 1, 2021. By January 1, 2022, the public health  
23 advisory committee or board must meet the requirements established in  
24 section 7 of this act for community health advisory boards. Any  
25 future changes to local board of health composition must meet the  
26 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

27 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.05.035 and 1995 c 43 s 7 are each amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 ~~((In counties with a home rule charter, the county legislative~~  
30 ~~authority shall establish a local board of health and may prescribe~~  
31 ~~the membership and selection process for the board. The county~~  
32 ~~legislative authority may appoint to the board of health elected~~  
33 ~~officials from cities and towns and persons other than elected~~  
34 ~~officials as members so long as persons other than elected officials~~  
35 ~~do not constitute a majority. The county legislative authority shall~~  
36 ~~specify the appointment, term, and compensation or reimbursement of~~  
37 ~~expenses. The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be~~  
38 ~~coextensive with the boundaries of the county. The local health~~  
39 ~~officer, as described in RCW 70.05.050, shall be appointed by the~~

1 ~~official designated under the provisions of the county charter. The~~  
2 ~~same official designated under the provisions of the county charter~~  
3 ~~may appoint an administrative officer, as described in RCW~~  
4 ~~70.05.045.)~~)

5 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, for  
6 home rule charter counties, the county legislative authority shall  
7 establish a local board of health and may prescribe the membership  
8 and selection process for the board. The membership of the local  
9 board of health must also include the members selected under (a) and  
10 (e) of this subsection.

11 (a) The remaining board members must be persons who are not  
12 elected officials and must be selected from the following categories  
13 consistent with the requirements of this section and the rules  
14 adopted by the state board of health under section 8 of this act:

15 (i) Public health, health care facilities, and providers. This  
16 category consists of persons practicing or employed in the county who  
17 are:

18 (A) Medical ethicists;

19 (B) Epidemiologists;

20 (C) Experienced in environmental public health, such as a  
21 registered sanitarian;

22 (D) Community health workers;

23 (E) Holders of master's degrees or higher in public health or the  
24 equivalent;

25 (F) Employees of a hospital located in the county; or

26 (G) Any of the following providers holding an active or retired  
27 license in good standing under Title 18 RCW:

28 (I) Physicians or osteopathic physicians;

29 (II) Advanced registered nurse practitioners;

30 (III) Physician assistants or osteopathic physician assistants;

31 (IV) Registered nurses;

32 (V) Dentists;

33 (VI) Naturopaths; or

34 (VII) Pharmacists;

35 (ii) Consumers of public health. This category consists of county  
36 residents who have self-identified as having faced significant health  
37 inequities or as having lived experiences with public health-related  
38 programs such as: The special supplemental nutrition program for  
39 women, infants, and children; the supplemental nutrition program;  
40 home visiting; or treatment services. It is strongly encouraged that

1 individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented  
2 communities are given preference. These individuals may not be  
3 elected officials and may not have any fiduciary obligation to a  
4 health facility or other health agency, and may not have a material  
5 financial interest in the rendering of health services; and

6 (iii) Other community stakeholders. This category consists of  
7 persons representing the following types of organizations located in  
8 the county:

9 (A) Community-based organizations or nonprofits that work with  
10 populations experiencing health inequities in the county;

11 (B) Active, reserve, or retired armed services members;

12 (C) The business community; or

13 (D) The environmental public health regulated community.

14 (b) The board members selected under (a) of this subsection must  
15 be approved by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners.

16 (c) If the number of board members selected under (a) of this  
17 subsection is evenly divisible by three, there must be an equal  
18 number of members selected from each of the three categories. If  
19 there are one or two members over the nearest multiple of three,  
20 those members may be selected from any of the three categories.  
21 However, if the board of health demonstrates that it attempted to  
22 recruit members from all three categories and was unable to do so,  
23 the board may select members only from the other two categories.

24 (d) There may be no more than one member selected under (a) of  
25 this subsection from one type of background or position.

26 (e) If a federally recognized Indian tribe holds reservation,  
27 trust lands, or has usual and accustomed areas within the county, or  
28 if a 501(c)(3) organization registered in Washington that serves  
29 American Indian and Alaska Native people and provides services within  
30 the county, the board of health must include a tribal representative  
31 selected by the American Indian health commission.

32 (f) The county legislative authority may appoint to the board of  
33 health elected officials from cities and towns and persons other than  
34 elected officials as members so long as the city and county elected  
35 officials do not constitute a majority of the total membership of the  
36 board.

37 (g) Except as provided in (a) and (e) of this subsection, the  
38 county legislative authority shall specify the appointment, term, and  
39 compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

1 (h) The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be  
2 coextensive with the boundaries of the county.

3 (i) The local health officer, as described in RCW 70.05.050,  
4 shall be appointed by the official designated under the provisions of  
5 the county charter. The same official designated under the provisions  
6 of the county charter may appoint an administrative officer, as  
7 described in RCW 70.05.045.

8 (j) The number of members selected under (a) and (e) of this  
9 subsection must equal the number of city and county elected officials  
10 on the board of health.

11 (k) At the first meeting of a district board of health the  
12 members shall elect a chair to serve for a period of one year.

13 (l) Any decision by the board of health related to the setting or  
14 modification of permit, licensing, and application fees may only be  
15 determined by the city and county elected officials on the board.

16 (2) A local board of health comprised solely of elected officials  
17 may retain this composition if the local health jurisdiction had a  
18 public health advisory committee or board with its own bylaws  
19 established on January 1, 2021. By January 1, 2022, the public health  
20 advisory committee or board must meet the requirements established in  
21 section 7 of this act for community health advisory boards. Any  
22 future changes to local board of health composition must meet the  
23 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 70.46.020 and 1995 c 43 s 10 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 ~~((Health districts consisting of two or more counties may be~~  
27 ~~created whenever two or more boards of county commissioners shall by~~  
28 ~~resolution establish a district for such purpose. Such a district~~  
29 ~~shall consist of all the area of the combined counties. The district~~  
30 ~~board of health of such a district shall consist of not less than~~  
31 ~~five members for districts of two counties and seven members for~~  
32 ~~districts of more than two counties, including two representatives~~  
33 ~~from each county who are members of the board of county commissioners~~  
34 ~~and who are appointed by the board of county commissioners of each~~  
35 ~~county within the district, and shall have a jurisdiction coextensive~~  
36 ~~with the combined boundaries. The boards of county commissioners may~~  
37 ~~by resolution or ordinance provide for elected officials from cities~~  
38 ~~and towns and persons other than elected officials as members of the~~  
39 ~~district board of health so long as persons other than elected~~

~~officials do not constitute a majority. A resolution or ordinance adopted under this section must specify the provisions for the appointment, term, and compensation, or reimbursement of expenses. Any multicounty health district existing on the effective date of this act shall continue in existence unless and until changed by affirmative action of all boards of county commissioners or one or more counties withdraws [withdraw] pursuant to RCW 70.46.090.~~

~~At the first meeting of a district board of health the members shall elect a chair to serve for a period of one year.)~~

(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, health districts consisting of two or more counties may be created whenever two or more boards of county commissioners shall by resolution establish a district for such purpose. Such a district shall consist of all the area of the combined counties. The district board of health of such a district shall consist of not less than five members for districts of two counties and seven members for districts of more than two counties, including two representatives from each county who are members of the board of county commissioners and who are appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county within the district, and members selected under (a) and (e) of this subsection, and shall have a jurisdiction coextensive with the combined boundaries.

(a) The remaining board members must be persons who are not elected officials and must be selected from the following categories consistent with the requirements of this section and the rules adopted by the state board of health under section 8 of this act:

(i) Public health, health care facilities, and providers. This category consists of persons practicing or employed in the health district who are:

(A) Medical ethicists;

(B) Epidemiologists;

(C) Experienced in environmental public health, such as a registered sanitarian;

(D) Community health workers;

(E) Holders of master's degrees or higher in public health or the equivalent;

(F) Employees of a hospital located in the health district; or

(G) Any of the following providers holding an active or retired license in good standing under Title 18 RCW:

(I) Physicians or osteopathic physicians;

1 (II) Advanced registered nurse practitioners;

2 (III) Physician assistants or osteopathic physician assistants;

3 (IV) Registered nurses;

4 (V) Dentists;

5 (VI) Naturopaths; or

6 (VII) Pharmacists;

7 (ii) Consumers of public health. This category consists of health  
8 district residents who have self-identified as having faced  
9 significant health inequities or as having lived experiences with  
10 public health-related programs such as: The special supplemental  
11 nutrition program for women, infants, and children; the supplemental  
12 nutrition program; home visiting; or treatment services. It is  
13 strongly encouraged that individuals from historically marginalized  
14 and underrepresented communities are given preference. These  
15 individuals may not be elected officials, and may not have any  
16 fiduciary obligation to a health facility or other health agency, and  
17 may not have a material financial interest in the rendering of health  
18 services; and

19 (iii) Other community stakeholders. This category consists of  
20 persons representing the following types of organizations located in  
21 the health district:

22 (A) Community-based organizations or nonprofits that work with  
23 populations experiencing health inequities in the health district;

24 (B) Active, reserve, or retired armed services members;

25 (C) The business community; or

26 (D) The environmental public health regulated community.

27 (b) The board members selected under (a) of this subsection must  
28 be approved by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners.

29 (c) If the number of board members selected under (a) of this  
30 subsection is evenly divisible by three, there must be an equal  
31 number of members selected from each of the three categories. If  
32 there are one or two members over the nearest multiple of three,  
33 those members may be selected from any of the three categories.  
34 However, if the board of health demonstrates that it attempted to  
35 recruit members from all three categories and was unable to do so,  
36 the board may select members only from the other two categories.

37 (d) There may be no more than one member selected under (a) of  
38 this subsection from one type of background or position.

39 (e) If a federally recognized Indian tribe holds reservation,  
40 trust lands, or has usual and accustomed areas within the health

1 district, or if a 501(c)(3) organization registered in Washington  
2 that serves American Indian and Alaska Native people and provides  
3 services within the health district, the board of health must include  
4 a tribal representative selected by the American Indian health  
5 commission.

6 (f) The boards of county commissioners may by resolution or  
7 ordinance provide for elected officials from cities and towns and  
8 persons other than elected officials as members of the district board  
9 of health so long as the city and county elected officials do not  
10 constitute a majority of the total membership of the board.

11 (g) Except as provided in (a) and (e) of this subsection, a  
12 resolution or ordinance adopted under this section must specify the  
13 provisions for the appointment, term, and compensation, or  
14 reimbursement of expenses.

15 (h) At the first meeting of a district board of health the  
16 members shall elect a chair to serve for a period of one year.

17 (i) The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be  
18 coextensive with the boundaries of the county.

19 (j) The local health officer, as described in RCW 70.05.050,  
20 shall be appointed by the official designated under the provisions of  
21 the county charter. The same official designated under the provisions  
22 of the county charter may appoint an administrative officer, as  
23 described in RCW 70.05.045.

24 (k) The number of members selected under (a) and (e) of this  
25 subsection must equal the number of city and county elected officials  
26 on the board of health.

27 (1) Any decision by the board of health related to the setting or  
28 modification of permit, licensing, and application fees may only be  
29 determined by the city and county elected officials on the board.

30 (2) A local board of health comprised solely of elected officials  
31 may retain this composition if the local health jurisdiction had a  
32 public health advisory committee or board with its own bylaws  
33 established on January 1, 2021. By January 1, 2022, the public health  
34 advisory committee or board must meet the requirements established in  
35 section 7 of this act for community health advisory boards. Any  
36 future changes to local board of health composition must meet the  
37 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

38 (3) A local board of health comprised solely of elected officials  
39 and made up of three counties east of the Cascade mountains may  
40 retain their current composition if the local health jurisdiction has

1 a public health advisory committee or board that meets the  
2 requirements established in section 7 of this act for community  
3 health advisory boards by July 1, 2022. If such a local board of  
4 health does not establish the required community health advisory  
5 board by July 1, 2022, it must comply with the requirements of  
6 subsection (1) of this section. Any future changes to local board of  
7 health composition must meet the requirements of subsection (1) of  
8 this section.

9 **Sec. 6.** RCW 70.46.031 and 1995 c 43 s 11 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 ~~((A health district to consist of one county may be created~~  
12 ~~whenever the county legislative authority of the county shall pass a~~  
13 ~~resolution or ordinance to organize such a health district under~~  
14 ~~chapter 70.05 RCW and this chapter.~~

15 ~~The resolution or ordinance may specify the membership,~~  
16 ~~representation on the district health board, or other matters~~  
17 ~~relative to the formation or operation of the health district. The~~  
18 ~~county legislative authority may appoint elected officials from~~  
19 ~~cities and towns and persons other than elected officials as members~~  
20 ~~of the health district board so long as persons other than elected~~  
21 ~~officials do not constitute a majority.~~

22 ~~Any single county health district existing on the effective date~~  
23 ~~of this act shall continue in existence unless and until changed by~~  
24 ~~affirmative action of the county legislative authority.))~~

25 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a  
26 health district to consist of one county may be created whenever the  
27 county legislative authority of the county shall pass a resolution or  
28 ordinance to organize such a health district under chapter 70.05 RCW  
29 and this chapter. The resolution or ordinance may specify the  
30 membership, representation on the district health board, or other  
31 matters relative to the formation or operation of the health  
32 district. In addition to the membership of the district health board  
33 determined through resolution or ordinance, the district health board  
34 must also include the members selected under (a) and (e) of this  
35 subsection.

36 (a) The remaining board members must be persons who are not  
37 elected officials and must be selected from the following categories  
38 consistent with the requirements of this section and the rules  
39 adopted by the state board of health under section 8 of this act:

1 (i) Public health, health care facilities, and providers. This  
2 category consists of persons practicing or employed in the county who  
3 are:

4 (A) Medical ethicists;

5 (B) Epidemiologists;

6 (C) Experienced in environmental public health, such as a  
7 registered sanitarian;

8 (D) Community health workers;

9 (E) Holders of master's degrees or higher in public health or the  
10 equivalent;

11 (F) Employees of a hospital located in the county; or

12 (G) Any of the following providers holding an active or retired  
13 license in good standing under Title 18 RCW:

14 (I) Physicians or osteopathic physicians;

15 (II) Advanced registered nurse practitioners;

16 (III) Physician assistants or osteopathic physician assistants;

17 (IV) Registered nurses;

18 (V) Dentists;

19 (VI) Naturopaths; or

20 (VII) Pharmacists;

21 (ii) Consumers of public health. This category consists of county  
22 residents who have self-identified as having faced significant health  
23 inequities or as having lived experiences with public health-related  
24 programs such as: The special supplemental nutrition program for  
25 women, infants, and children; the supplemental nutrition program;  
26 home visiting; or treatment services. It is strongly encouraged that  
27 individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented  
28 communities are given preference. These individuals may not be  
29 elected officials and may not have any fiduciary obligation to a  
30 health facility or other health agency, and may not have a material  
31 financial interest in the rendering of health services; and

32 (iii) Other community stakeholders. This category consists of  
33 persons representing the following types of organizations located in  
34 the county:

35 (A) Community-based organizations or nonprofits that work with  
36 populations experiencing health inequities in the county;

37 (B) The business community; or

38 (C) The environmental public health regulated community.

39 (b) The board members selected under (a) of this subsection must  
40 be approved by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners.

1 (c) If the number of board members selected under (a) of this  
2 subsection is evenly divisible by three, there must be an equal  
3 number of members selected from each of the three categories. If  
4 there are one or two members over the nearest multiple of three,  
5 those members may be selected from any of the three categories. If  
6 there are two members over the nearest multiple of three, each member  
7 over the nearest multiple of three must be selected from a different  
8 category. However, if the board of health demonstrates that it  
9 attempted to recruit members from all three categories and was unable  
10 to do so, the board may select members only from the other two  
11 categories.

12 (d) There may be no more than one member selected under (a) of  
13 this subsection from one type of background or position.

14 (e) If a federally recognized Indian tribe holds reservation,  
15 trust lands, or has usual and accustomed areas within the county, or  
16 if a 501(c)(3) organization registered in Washington that serves  
17 American Indian and Alaska Native people and provides services within  
18 the county, the board of health must include a tribal representative  
19 selected by the American Indian health commission.

20 (f) The county legislative authority may appoint elected  
21 officials from cities and towns and persons other than elected  
22 officials as members of the health district board so long as the city  
23 and county elected officials do not constitute a majority of the  
24 total membership of the board.

25 (g) Except as provided in (a) and (e) of this subsection, a  
26 resolution or ordinance adopted under this section must specify the  
27 provisions for the appointment, term, and compensation, or  
28 reimbursement of expenses.

29 (h) The jurisdiction of the local board of health shall be  
30 coextensive with the boundaries of the county.

31 (i) The local health officer, as described in RCW 70.05.050,  
32 shall be appointed by the official designated under the provisions of  
33 the resolution or ordinance. The same official designated under the  
34 provisions of the resolution or ordinance may appoint an  
35 administrative officer, as described in RCW 70.05.045.

36 (j) At the first meeting of a district board of health the  
37 members shall elect a chair to serve for a period of one year.

38 (k) The number of members selected under (a) and (e) of this  
39 subsection must equal the number of city and county elected officials  
40 on the board of health.

1       (1) Any decision by the board of health related to the setting or  
2 modification of permit, licensing, and application fees may only be  
3 determined by the city and county elected officials on the board.

4       (2) A local board of health comprised solely of elected officials  
5 may retain this composition if the local health jurisdiction had a  
6 public health advisory committee or board with its own bylaws  
7 established on January 1, 2021. By January 1, 2022, the public health  
8 advisory committee or board must meet the requirements established in  
9 section 7 of this act for community health advisory boards. Any  
10 future changes to local board of health composition must meet the  
11 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

12       NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 70.46  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14       (1) A community health advisory board shall:

15       (a) Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment  
16 and selection of an administrative officer, pursuant to RCW  
17 70.05.045, and local health officer, pursuant to RCW 70.05.050;

18       (b) Use a health equity framework to conduct, assess, and  
19 identify the community health needs of the jurisdiction, and review  
20 and recommend public health policies and priorities for the local  
21 health jurisdiction and advisory board to address community health  
22 needs;

23       (c) Evaluate the impact of proposed public health policies and  
24 programs, and assure identified health needs and concerns are being  
25 met;

26       (d) Promote public participation in and identification of local  
27 public health needs;

28       (e) Provide community forums and hearings as assigned by the  
29 local board of health;

30       (f) Establish community task forces as assigned by the local  
31 board of health;

32       (g) Review and make recommendations to the local health  
33 jurisdiction and local board of health for an annual budget and fees;  
34 and

35       (h) Review and advise on local health jurisdiction progress in  
36 achieving performance measures and outcomes to ensure continuous  
37 quality improvement and accountability.

38       (2) The advisory board shall consist of nine to 21 members  
39 appointed by the local board of health. The local health officer and

1 a member of the local board of health shall serve as ex officio  
2 members of the board.

3 (3) The advisory board must be broadly representative of the  
4 character of the community. Membership preference shall be given to  
5 tribal, racial, ethnic, and other minorities. The advisory board must  
6 consist of a balance of members with expertise, career experience,  
7 and consumer experience in areas impacting public health and with  
8 populations served by the health department. The board's composition  
9 shall include:

10 (a) Members with expertise in and experience with:

11 (i) Health care access and quality;

12 (ii) Physical environment, including built and natural  
13 environments;

14 (iii) Social and economic sectors, including housing, basic  
15 needs, education, and employment;

16 (iv) Business and philanthropy;

17 (v) Communities that experience health inequities;

18 (vi) Government; and

19 (vii) Tribal communities and tribal government.

20 (b) Consumers of public health services;

21 (c) Community members with lived experience in any of the areas  
22 listed in (a) of this subsection; and

23 (d) Community stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations,  
24 the business community, and those regulated by public health.

25 (4) The local health jurisdiction and local board of health must  
26 actively recruit advisory board members in a manner that solicits  
27 broad diversity to assure representation from marginalized  
28 communities including tribal, racial, ethnic, and other minorities.

29 (5) Advisory board members shall serve for staggered three-year  
30 terms. This does not preclude any member from being reappointed.

31 (6) The advisory board shall, at the first meeting of each year,  
32 select a chair and vice chair. The chair shall preside over all  
33 advisory board meetings and work with the local health jurisdiction  
34 administrator, or their designee, to establish board meeting agendas.

35 (7) Staffing for the advisory board shall be provided by the  
36 local health jurisdiction.

37 (8) The advisory board shall hold meetings monthly, or as  
38 otherwise determined by the advisory board at a place and time to be  
39 decided by the advisory board. Special meetings may be held on call

1 of the local board of health or the chairperson of the advisory  
2 board.

3 (9) Meetings of the advisory board are subject to the open public  
4 meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW, and meeting minutes must be  
5 submitted to the local board of health.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The state board of health shall adopt rules establishing the  
9 appointment process for the members of local boards of health who are  
10 not elected officials. The selection process established by the rules  
11 must:

- 12 (a) Be fair and unbiased; and
- 13 (b) Ensure, to the extent practicable, that the membership of  
14 local boards of health include a balanced representation of elected  
15 officials and nonelected people with a diversity of expertise and  
16 lived experience.

17 (2) The rules adopted under this section must go into effect no  
18 later than one year after the effective date of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 3 through 6 of this act take  
20 effect July 1, 2022.

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