

LEGISLATIVE & RULEMAKING PRIORITIES

2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Support Dedicated Funding Source for Foundational Public Health Services

The state Legislature has made an unprecedented investment in Foundational Public Health Services ([FPHS](#)) in the State FY21-23 biennium (\$175M). Currently, these funds are appropriated as General Fund State (GFS) monies. Kitsap Public Health supports working with the Legislature to identify and secure a dedicated and appropriate funding source for FPHS in order to provide predictability and sustainability of core public health programs.

Support Coronavirus Response and Recovery Efforts Funding

Local governments and local health jurisdictions serve key roles in our state's response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic. These roles include, but are not limited to: case and contact investigations, epidemiology and assessment, isolation & quarantine services, case management support, and vaccine planning and mass vaccination efforts.

Support Collaborative Processes for Local Public Health Governance

During the 2021 session, the state Legislature passed E2SHB 1152, a new law that changes local board of health membership structure, without any collaboration with the local public health system in our state. If the Legislature desires to change local health governance, they should first collaborate with the local public health system before submitting or passing new bills.

Oppose Efforts to Reduce or Eliminate Local Public Health Authority

Washington is a local control state, and RCW [70.05](#) and [70.46](#) have mandated the county legislative authority to establish and maintain a local health officer and administrator, local health board, and local health department for decades. Bills proposals may again be considered that would reduce or eliminate local authority over public health.

Oppose Reductions or Limitations on Funding for Local Health Jurisdictions

While FPHS funding is starting to reach sustainable levels to implement state public health mandates, any reductions to funding for local public health work will offset these commitments.

Oppose Bills which would Allow Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF) to be Prepared and Sold from Residential Kitchens

Existing food safety rules prohibit the preparation or selling of PHF from residential kitchens due to the lack of sanitation and time-temperature controls required to keep PHF safe.



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