

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1251 E S HB	Title: Water system notices
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Health	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 1251 E S HB	Title: Water system notices	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

☒ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☐ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

The Washington State Board of Health is required to adopt rules for public water systems. Rules are in place for Group A systems for providing fluoridation of drinking water. In order to provide fluoridation, the operator of the water system must receive written approval of its fluoridation treatment facilities from the Department of Health. The Board has prescribed the optimal fluoride concentration (0.7 milligrams per liter [mg/L]), the operating tolerance for fluoridation (0.5-0.9 mg/L), as well as requirements for fluoridation testing that must occur each business day and each month. The test results must be submitted to the Department each month.

This bill requires a public water system considering commencing or discontinuing fluoridation of its water supply to notify its customers and the Department of Health of its intentions at least 90 days prior to a vote or decision on the matter. A public water system that violates the notification requirements must return the fluoridation of its water to its prior level until the notification requirements have been satisfied. The bill does not require rulemaking therefore no fiscal impact.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

None

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

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Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- ☐ Cities:
- ☐ Counties:
- ☒ Special Districts: Public water systems must follow the outlined requirements when considering discontinuing water fluoridation.
- ☐ Specific jurisdictions only:
- ☐ Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- ☐ No fiscal impacts.
- ☐ Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- ☒ Legislation provides local option: Public water systems only have to complete the bills required actions if they want to add or remove fluoride from their water.
- ☒ Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Cost to public water systems to provide public notice for a proposed removal of fluoride from their water.

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

CHANGES BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:

Removed all of section 1 and the requirement for public water systems to seek and receive the most current information about the public health impacts of community water fluoridation from the department and its local health jurisdictions 90 days before a vote or decision from section 2.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL:

This bill establishes the mandatory provision of a public notice by public water systems if they want to remove fluoride from their water source.

Sec. 1: If a public water system considers discontinuing the fluoridation of its water supply on a continuing basis they must notify its customers of its intentions at least 90 days prior to a vote or decision. Any public water system that violates the notification requirements of this subsection shall return the fluoridation of its water supply to its previous level until proper notification is provided under the provisions of this section.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE IMPACTS BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:

The primary change made between versions was the removal of the requirement for public water systems to seek and receive the most current information about the public health impacts of community water fluoridation from the department and its local health jurisdictions 90 days before a vote or decision. This change would reduce expenditures for water systems by reducing the amount of work hours required to meet the requirements of the bill.

EXPENDITURE IMPACTS OF CURRENT BILL:

This legislation would have an indeterminate expenditure impact on local governments. The only costs associated with this bill would be the costs associated with posting the required public notice. However, the costs associated with posting public notice are assumed to be minimal because most public water systems already post public notices and collecting the required public health information should not require much work time.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

CHANGES IN REVENUE IMPACTS BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:

There were no changes made which would change the revenue impacts on local government

REVENUE IMPACTS OF CURRENT BILL:

This bill would not impact local government revenues.

Sources:

Local Government Fiscal Note, HB 1251, (2023)

House Bill Report, ES HB1251, Local Government Committee