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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2008 STATE HEALTH REPORT, PROPOSED TEXT

Background and Summary

RCW 43.20.050(b) requires the State Board of Health to produce a State Health Report every two years "that outlines the health priorities of the ensuing biennium." The report must be produced in January of even numbered years for the Governor to approve, modify, or disapprove. If approved, the report is meant to be used by state agency administrators as a guide for preparing agency budgets and executive request legislation for the following biennium.

The 2008 State Health Report is due to the Governor this month and would establish executive branch priorities for the 2009-11 biennium. These would be reflected in the budgets and request legislation developed by agencies next summer 2008 and reviewed by the Office of Financial Management next fall. They would also be reflected in the Governor's December 2008 budget proposal and in request legislation introduced in January 2009.

Attached for review, comment, and possible approval is proposed text of the *2008 State Health Report*. The text follows an outline approved by the Board in December. At today's meeting, I am seeking approval of the text for transmittal to the Governor. Design and production of the report will not be completed until the Governor has approved it.

Recommended Board Action

I recommend the Board consider the following motion:

Motion: The Board approves the 2008 State Health Report and authorizes the Chair or his designee to approve any changes before transmitting it to the Governor for her consideration.