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Governor appoints Treuman Katz as Board's new chair

On January 16 Governor Chris Gregoire appointed Treuman Katz, to the State Board of Health as the Board's new chair. Mr. Katz represents consumers on the Board. He replaces Dr. Kim Thorburn who represented local health officers.

Mr. Katz is President Emeritus of Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center in Seattle after serving as President and Chief Executive Officer for more than 25 years. Mr. Katz served as a top executive at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, a 1,000 bed hospital in Los Angeles, for 11 years prior to his tenure at Children's.

"I am honored to serve the Governor in my capacity as chair of the Washington State Board of Health and look forward to focusing on the needs of the citizens of Washington State," said Mr. Katz.

More information about the Board is posted on the [Board of Health Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov) or contact the state Board of Health office at 360-236-4104.

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The Board's mission is to provide statewide leadership in advancing policies that protect and improve the public's health. It does this by reviewing and monitoring the health status of all people in Washington; analyzing policies, providing guidance, and developing rules; promoting system partnerships; and encouraging public engagement in the public health system. For more information, visit the [Board of Health Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov).