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## **Public forum gathers local input on state health policy**

*Tuesday, June 13, 6:30-9:15 pm, Highline Community College, Building 2, 2400 S 240<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines*

On June 13th, Western Washington residents will have an opportunity to share their views on health care quality, medical costs, patient safety, inequalities in health, the capacity of the public health system to protect people from disease and other important health policy issues with the Washington State Board of Health. The board, in cooperation with Public Health - Seattle and King County, will host a forum on public health and medical care issues facing the state.

Every five years, the board holds public forums across the state to gather input for the State Health Report, which it prepares and proposes to the governor for adoption. The report, which is issued every two years, is meant to guide legislative and budget requests by state health care agencies. Members of the Governor's Policy Staff will be on hand and representatives of several state agencies have been invited.

The forum will feature a presentation about health promotion efforts in King County. Local panelists will include Kathy Carson, Parent Child Health Manager, Public Health—Seattle and King County; Carolyn Kramer, Seattle Public Schools; and Kirsten Wysen, Policy Analyst, Public Health—Seattle and King County.

For more information about the forum, or to obtain a copy of the 2006 State Health Report discussion draft, please visit the Board's Web site at [www.sboh.wa.gov](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) or contact the State Board of Health office at (360) 236-4104. Copies will also be available at the public forum.

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