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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: PREVIEW OF 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Background and Summary

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a preview of the 2008 legislative session, a 60-day session that begins January 14. It is intended to provide some context for the next agenda item, the proposed adoption of a Board Statement on Possible Legislative Issues for the 2008 session.

The Board heard a very short preliminary discussion of the 2008 session during its December meeting. The information provided in that briefing has held up fairly well, although much of it was, and remains, speculative. The most significant development since the last meeting was the December 18 release of Governor Christine Gregoire's proposed supplemental budget. In addition, a few bills have been pre-filed.

During today's presentation, I will describe some highlights of the Governor's budget and some specific bills that are being drafted, have been pre-filed, or in some case are still only rumored. I have included in your packets two pages devoted to health care from the Governor's budget highlights and an e-mail about the budget from Secretary of Health Mary Selecky.

Recommended Board Action

None.