

2 EHB 1015 - S AMD 286
3 By Senator Fraser

4 WITHDRAWN 04/12/01

5 On page 1, after line 10, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 2. RCW 70.142.010 and 1984 c 187 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) In order to protect public health from chemical contaminants in
9 drinking water, the state board of health shall conduct public hearings
10 and, where technical data allow, establish by rule standards for
11 allowable concentrations. For purposes of this chapter, the words
12 "chemical contaminants" are limited to synthetic organic chemical
13 contaminants and to any other contaminants which in the opinion of the
14 board constitute a threat to public health. If adequate data to
15 support setting of a standard is available, the state board of health
16 shall adopt by rule a maximum contaminant level for water provided to
17 consumers' taps. Standards set for contaminants known to be toxic
18 shall consider both short-term and chronic toxicity. Standards set for
19 contaminants known to be carcinogenic shall be consistent with risk
20 levels established by the state board of health.

21 (2) The board shall, by January 1, 2003, adopt standards for
22 allowable concentrations of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in drinking
23 water as necessary for the protection of public health.

24 (3) The board shall consider the best available scientific
25 information in establishing the standards. The board may review and
26 revise the standards. State and local standards for chemical
27 contaminants may be more strict than the federal standards.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.142.020 and 1991 c 3 s 374 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) The state board of health shall conduct public hearings and
31 establish by rule monitoring requirements for chemical contaminants in
32 public water supplies. Results of tests conducted pursuant to such
33 requirements shall be submitted to the department of health and to the
34 local health department.

1 (2) The board shall also adopt a testing protocol for methyl
2 tertiary-butyl ether for use in testing drinking water by the owners or
3 operators of public water systems as defined in RCW 70.119A.020 or
4 group A public water systems as defined in RCW 70.119A.110.

5 (3) The state board of health may review and revise monitoring
6 requirements for chemical contaminants.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or
8 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
9 ending June 30, 2003, from the state toxics control account to the
10 board of health for the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this act."

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14 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "additives;" strike the
15 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 70.142.010 and
16 70.142.020; adding a new section to chapter 19.112 RCW; and making an
17 appropriation."

EFFECT: Requires the state board of health to adopt standards for
allowable concentrations of MTBE in drinking water and adopt a testing
protocol for detecting MTBE.

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