

(2) Consideration of accessibility, cost, potential funding sources, and classes of candidates who are most likely to benefit from such programs; and

(3) Techniques for securing the highest possible caliber of seminar leaders, instructors, visiting fellows, and other specialists who can serve as resources for the programs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department shall make its first progress report on the program proposal to the committee on governmental operations in the senate and the committee on local government in the house of representatives no later than September 15, 1988. A final report containing the proposal for a senior development program, with any needed recommendations to the legislature, shall be submitted to the same legislative committees by December 1, 1988.

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CHAPTER 106

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6603]

AIR QUALITY OPACITY LIMITATIONS—ALTERNATE STANDARDS

AN ACT Relating to air quality opacity limitations; and reenacting and amending RCW 70.94.331.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 46, chapter 238, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 39, chapter 109, Laws of 1987 and by section 13, chapter 405, Laws of 1987 and RCW 70.94.331 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall have all the powers as provided in RCW 70.94.141.

(2) The department, in addition to any other powers vested in it by law after consideration at a public hearing held in accordance with chapter 42-.30 RCW and chapter 34.04 RCW shall:

(a) Adopt rules and regulations establishing air quality objectives and air quality standards;

(b) Adopt emission standards which shall constitute minimum emission standards throughout the state. An authority may enact more stringent emission standards, except for emission performance standards for new wood stoves and opacity levels for residential solid fuel burning devices which shall be state-wide, but in no event may less stringent standards be enacted by an authority without the prior approval of the department after public hearing and due notice to interested parties;

(c) Adopt by rule and regulation air quality standards and emission standards for the control or prohibition of emissions to the outdoor atmosphere of radionuclides, dust, fumes, mist, smoke, other particulate matter, vapor, gas, odorous substances, or any combination thereof. Such requirements may be based upon a system of classification by types of emissions or types of sources of emissions, or combinations thereof, which it determines most feasible for the purposes of this chapter. However, an industry, or the air pollution control authority having jurisdiction, can choose, subject to the submittal of appropriate data that the industry has quantified, to have any limit on the opacity of emissions from a source whose emission standard is stated in terms of a weight of particulate per unit volume of air (e.g., grains per dry standard cubic foot) be based on the applicable particulate emission standard for that source, such that any violation of the opacity limit accurately indicates a violation of the applicable particulate emission standard. A reasonable fee may be assessed to the industry to which the alternate opacity standard would apply. The fee shall cover only those costs to the air pollution control authority which are directly related to the determination on the acceptability of the alternate opacity standard, including testing, oversight and review of data.

(3) The air quality standards and emission standards may be for the state as a whole or may vary from area to area, except that emission performance standards for new wood stoves and opacity levels for residential solid fuel burning devices shall be state-wide, as may be appropriate to facilitate the accomplishment of the objectives of this chapter and to take necessary or desirable account of varying local conditions of population concentration, the existence of actual or reasonable foreseeable air pollution, topographic and meteorologic conditions and other pertinent variables.

(4) The department is directed to cooperate with the appropriate agencies of the United States or other states or any interstate agencies or international agencies with respect to the control of air pollution and air contamination, or for the formulation for the submission to the legislature of interstate air pollution control compacts or agreements.

(5) The department is directed to conduct or cause to be conducted a continuous surveillance program to monitor the quality of the ambient atmosphere as to concentrations and movements of air contaminants.

(6) The department shall enforce the air quality standards and emission standards throughout the state except where a local authority is enforcing the state regulations or its own regulations which are more stringent than those of the state.

(7) The department shall encourage local units of government to handle air pollution problems within their respective jurisdictions; and, on a cooperative basis provide technical and consultative assistance therefor.

(8) The department shall have the power to require the addition to or deletion of a county from an existing authority in order to carry out the

purposes of this chapter: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no such addition or deletion shall be made without the concurrence of any existing authority involved. Such action shall only be taken after a public hearing held pursuant to the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW.

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CHAPTER 107

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2038]

HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT—PURCHASED HEALTH CARE

AN ACT Relating to state-funded health care and state employees' insurance benefits; amending RCW 28A.58.420, 41.04.205, 41.05.050, 41.04.230, 41.40.380, 47.64.270, and 48.24.010; adding new sections to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 41.05.005, 41.05.010, 41.05.025, 41.05.030, 41.05.040, 41.05.045, 41.05.060, 41.05.070, and 70.14.010; providing an effective date; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. This chapter shall be known as the Washington state health care reform act of 1988.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The legislature recognizes that (a) the state is a major purchaser of health care services, (b) the increasing costs of such health care services are posing and will continue to pose a great financial burden on the state, (c) it is the state's policy, consistent with the best interests of the state, to provide comprehensive health care as an employer, to state employees and officials and their dependents and to those who are dependent on the state for necessary medical care, and (d) it is imperative that the state begin to develop effective and efficient health care delivery systems and strategies for procuring health care services in order for the state to continue to purchase the most comprehensive health care possible.

(2) It is therefore the purpose of this chapter to establish the Washington state health care authority whose purpose shall be to (a) develop health care benefit programs, funded to the fullest extent possible by the employer, that provide comprehensive health care for eligible state employees, officials, and their dependents, and (b) study all state-purchased health care, alternative health care delivery systems, and strategies for the procurement of health care services and make recommendations aimed at minimizing the financial burden which health care poses on the state, its employees, and its charges, while at the same time allowing the state to provide the most comprehensive health care possible.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section shall apply throughout this chapter.