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Council to discuss legislative proposals on health disparities

Thursday, February 8, 1:00 p.m. –3:30 p.m., Point Plaza East, Rooms 152 and 153, 310 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will hear updates from its members on proposals for legislative and budgetary changes that deal with health disparities. The Washington State Board of Health will give a presentation on creation of the council by the Joint Select Committee on Health Disparities.

The group also will consider adopting bylaws and hear an update on how proposed policies and budgets will affect health disparities. The council meets Thursday, February 8, at Point Plaza East, Rooms 152 and 153, in Tumwater.

The term "health disparities" describes the disproportionate burden of disease, disability and death among a particular population or group when compared to the general population. The existence of serious disparities among racial and ethnic groups in Washington is well documented.

For more information go to the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) (www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) or contact the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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