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## **Public forum on Health Equities**

*Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 6-8 p.m., Tacoma Campus, The Evergreen State College, 1210 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tacoma*

On May 28, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will hear from the public about the impact of health disparities in their communities. Participants will learn about the state action plan being developed by the council and have the opportunity to provide input that will help shape the action plan.

Senator Rosa Franklin will provide a welcome to the forum by discussing community needs and issues that led to the creation of the Joint Select Committee on Health Disparities and the council.

The council is responsible for developing recommendations to improve the availability of culturally and linguistically appropriate health literature and interpretive services. Information received at the public forum will be used to help develop those recommendations.

For more information or for special accommodations to participate in the meeting, 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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