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Board to discuss newborn screening, scoliosis

Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Comfort Inn of Tumwater, 1620 74th Avenue SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

At its meeting Wednesday, January 9 in Tumwater, the State Board of Health will hear updates on the work of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee, which is reviewing 17 conditions the Board may add to the list of required screenings, and the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

It will also review a draft of the 2008 State Health Report. After discussing issues that are likely to come before the 2008 Legislature, it will consider a policy statement that will guide its actions during session. It will also be briefed on proposed legislation to eliminate mandatory scoliosis screenings in schools.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 1 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the state Board of Health at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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