



HEALTH EQUITY
LISTENING SESSIONS
Office of Health Professions

Section 1



OVERVIEW

Land Acknowledgement

I'm in West Olympia, the traditional lands of the Coast Salish people, including the people we know today and the Nisqually, Squaxin Island, and Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis reservation.

I honor their ancestors and leaders who have been stewards of this land and water since time immemorial. We acknowledge their stewardship, their forced removal, and their continued fight to live on their ancestral lands.

Introductions

- DOH Staff
- Assistant Attorney General
- State Agencies
- Workshop Guest
 - Please introduce yourself in the chat!

Meeting Reminders

- Be mindful and respectful of all those who attend.
- Please raise your hand to speak.
- Please be aware of the time you use when speaking.
 - If you go beyond the allotted time limit, staff may have to ask you to finish your thoughts so we can move on.
- Please stay on the topic of health equity.
 - If you share on other topics, staff will have to stop you.
- This is a listening session. We will not begin drafting rules surrounding health equity continuing education at this time.

Demographic Survey

- We want to make sure we are reaching out to a diverse group of individuals.
- If we recognize that a demographic is missing, we will change our tactics to attempt reaching out to them.
- REMEMBER! The survey is voluntary, but we would love for everyone to complete it. You do not have to answer every question.
- This survey and its answers are subject to public records request.

Section 2

NAVIGATING ZOOM

Section 3

ESSB 5229: HEALTH EQUITY

Health Equity

- It exists when all people can attain their full health potential.
- They are not disadvantaged from achieving their full health potential.
- Equality and Equity are not the same:
 - Equality gives everyone the same resources.
 - Equity gives people the resources they need.
- Health inequities have always existed and have been part of the health care system.
 - The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted inequity in the health care system.

ESSB 5229

- Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229 was passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2021.
- It requires that health care professionals must take continuing education on Health Equity.
- The goal is to help providers think about their own impact on others.
- This can change how providers work with others, so that they can reduce inequities.

Important Dates

- January 1, 2023
 - Secretary Professions adopt rules
- July 1, 2023
 - DOH will identify a free training
- January 1, 2024
 - Boards and Commissions adopt rules

Section 4

LISTENING SESSION DATA

Section 5

RULES DEVELOPMENT

Section 6



NEXT STEPS

Section 7

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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Next Rules Workshop:

March 21, 2022, from 1pm – 3pm



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