



Performance Note
HB0088S01 - School and Child
Care Center Water Testing
Requirements
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Performance Note Report

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Agency: State Board of Education

Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose of the legislation is to address testing of drinking water in schools for lead content and require regular testing. Dependent upon results, certain actions will be required if lead test results are above a certain level. Records of such testing must also be kept public for a period of up to five years.

Services: Certain school districts perform testing on water, including lead testing. Granite School District, for example, performs testing at their schools at least every 3 years for all schools in the district.

Expected Outcome: Anticipation of all schools being tested in all school districts and local education agencies (LEAs). Confirmation of any type of lead contamination or water that is free of unhealthy lead levels, and corresponding action for higher levels.

Implementations and Resources: The requirement for public schools to test each consumable tap at the public school for lead should be met no later than December 31, 2023. This testing will be required every five years for schools and should result in 100% of public schools being tested. Incentives are also offered for private schools to do testing.

How: Monitoring by the Department of Environmental Quality and reporting by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to the State Board of Education will ensure compliance with the program/law. The \$2,000,000 appropriation will allow USBE to ensure that districts can be reimbursed for costs, and participating private schools are reimbursed for costs via federal grant under DEQ.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Compliance Rate - % of all required samples each school has conducted.

Description: This metric would provide information on the percent of schools who have (or have not) conducted water testing/sampling per requirements of HB 88.

Collection Method: LEAs do not currently report this information to the USBE, however, some districts are active in water testing. LEAs would need a requirement to report to USBE per board rule which is backed by the need for districts to retain results of the testing for up to five years. DEQ will be involved in monitoring and data sharing on compliance with USBE.

	2020	2021	2022
Target %	0.00	75.00	100.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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