



Chelan-Douglas Health District

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Health District calls for applicants for Position 8 Alternate

East Wenatchee, WA – The Chelan-Douglas Health District, is soliciting interest from qualified individuals who reside in Chelan or Douglas County for consideration to fill the open Position 8 Alternate on the Board of Health. Qualified individuals for Position 8 will have a public health, healthcare or provider background (see [RCW 70.46.020\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) for more information).

The application deadline for the Position 8 Alternate seat is 5 p.m. on Nov. 8, 2023. For details about this position and application information, please reach out to Hollie Casey at (509)886-6400 or Hollie.Casey@cdhd.wa.gov.

In May of 2022, the state Legislature passed House Bill 1142, which modified the composition of local health boards throughout the state. The bill created comprehensive guidelines for health districts to follow and required them to balance their governing boards with non-elected official.

House Bill 1142 requires the following:

- A dual county health district such as the Chelan-Douglas Health District must have an equal number of elected and non-elected people on its board, with two commissioners from both counties.
- Non-elected members must include people in all of the following categories:
 - Health care providers, public health, and healthcare facilities
 - Consumers of public health who have faced significant health inequities
 - Community stakeholders, such as local nonprofits working with underrepresented people and the business community.
- Because the health district's coverage area contains some Native American trust lands, one of the non-elected member positions must be a tribal representative selected by the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State.
- Final selection of the at-large board member will be decided by a majority vote of the two boards of county commissioners.

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