



SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 19-06

RESOLUTION SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE REQUEST FOR CAPITAL
APPROPRIATIONS TO ADDRESS THE EVERETT SMELTER CLEANUP

WHEREAS, the Everett Smelter was operated by Asarco from 1894-1912; and

WHEREAS, lead and arsenic contamination from operations settled over a 1.1 square mile of Northeast Everett; and

WHEREAS, lead and arsenic are toxic metals that can have severe health impacts on adults and children; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed an assessment and coordinated cleanup of the contaminated areas in compliance with the Model Toxics Control Act and the State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish Health District has been engaged in conducting environmental sampling and outreach and education, providing residents their first health advisory in March 1991; and

WHEREAS, funding for the cleanup, received through a bankruptcy settlement with Asarco, is depleted; and

WHEREAS, the City of Everett in partnership with Representative Mike Sells, Representative June Robinson, Senator John McCoy and Ecology are seeking a sustained investment to complete the Everett Smelter site cleanup; and

WHEREAS, this is the primary City of Everett capital budget request this biennium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Board of Health calls on the Washington state legislature to support sustained capital appropriations to complete cleanup of the Everett Smelter site.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2019.

Stephanie Wright, Chair
Board of Health

ATTEST:



Jefferson S. Ketchel, MA, RS
Administrator

