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Public health veteran from Douglas County joins state Board of Health

Donald L. Oliver accepts position representing consumers

OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire has appointed Donald L. Oliver, an East Wenatchee resident with 33 years of experience in environmental public health and a strong background in community service, to the Washington State Board of Health. Oliver fills a position representing consumers of health care on the 10-member board. Board members serve three-year terms.

Oliver served as environmental health director for Chelan-Douglas and Tacoma-Pierce County health districts. He also worked for local health agencies in King and Yakima counties, and as chief administrator for the Washington State Department of Health’s Division of Environmental Health. With the American Red Cross, Oliver deployed following two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. He’s also worked within the Apple Valley Red Cross Chapter in responding to local disasters and training new volunteers. Oliver also served on East Wenatchee’s Planning Commission and is on his church board.

“Don brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the board,” said John Austin, who chairs the board. “He has a long history of public service, which continued into his retirement. Don’s work at the community level and his desire to engage people on public health issues will serve him well.”

“I’m grateful for this opportunity,” Oliver said. “I look forward to helping the board fulfill its leadership role in protecting and improving the public’s health.”

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The board’s mission is to provide statewide leadership in advancing policies that protect and improve the public’s health. It does this by reviewing and monitoring the health status of all people in Washington; analyzing policies, providing guidance, and developing rules; promoting system partnerships; and encouraging public engagement in the public health system. For more information, visit the [Board of Health website](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov).