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The Department of Public Health is requesting increased funding for educational outreach programs to the General Public, Industry Professionals and State Agencies as to Ownership, Operations, and Maintenance of Onsite Septic Systems as stated in the DPH 2016 OSS Draft Management Plan.

1. Additional Funding for New Educational Material for the General Public to:

- a. Determine if you have an OSS
- b. How they work
- c. How to maintain them
- d. And fix them

It is impossible to purchase a property in King County without knowledge of the utilities associated with that property.

Website exists sited below:

(<http://www.kingcounty.gov/services/gis/Maps/parcel-viewer.aspx>).

Realtor Law requires disclosure of OSS during property sale.

Maintenance and repair of OSS.

Website exists and is sited below:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WastewaterManagement/SepticSystem/CaringforYourSystem>

The DPH is recommending redundant and expensive educational materials and web design outreach in addition to what currently exists through the DPH and other State agencies.

2. Additional funding to Create a New Website to Educate Realtors and Provide Training for Industry Professionals.

Website exists and is sited below:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/owners/care.aspx>

Industry professionals are required to pass yearly certification classes with the state and classes are required to obtain licensing in this field.

Website exists and is sighted below:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/pros/pumper.aspx>

3. Additional Funding for an extensive and cost prohibitive Media Campaign for:

- a. Mass Media through social media platforms

- b. Signage: Bus Placards, Street signs
- c. Install new Phone Lines for Technical Support
- d. On-site support/consultation
- e. Direct Mailings

The DPH should ensure all licensed and recommended OSS Professionals provide this information to OSS owners. There is no need for the DPH to get involved other than through the permitting process.

Complaints should be filed with the Engineer's and Land Surveyors State Licensing Board who license these professionals should they not provide educational materials as required.

4. Funding for Educational Materials for Other Agencies:

- a. Conservation Districts Throughout King County
- b. Parks and Storm Water Staff
- c. King County Permitting Agencies
- d. Public Sewer Agencies

A simple inter agency memo to these agencies providing directions to existing websites would suffice.

In Conclusion:

The DPH has not sited any sources that suggest there is an additional need for further educational programs, taxes or staff manpower to implement an unwarranted extensive educational outreach program. These programs are currently in existence and mandated by state law.

COOMWA Citizens Opposed to Onsite Septic System Management