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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 1326

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FOOD SAFETY AND ORAL HEALTH.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill sets in law the amount of fluoride that water companies must add to the water supply, rather than requiring the amount to be tied to federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommendations as under current law. In doing so, it maintains the current required level.

Specifically, it requires water companies to add enough fluoride to maintain an average monthly fluoride content of 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L) (the current HHS recommendation), within a range of 0.15 mg/L greater or lower than this amount. As under current law, the bill applies to water systems that serve 20,000 or more people.

The bill also makes changes affecting the state's adoption of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) food code. Existing law requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to adopt the FDA Food Code as the state's food code for regulating food establishments, and DPH regulations doing so took effect in early 2023. The bill requires the commissioner to adopt into the state code any FDA code revision issued by December 31, 2024. It gives her the discretion to adopt into the state code other supplements to the federal code, rather than requiring her to as under current law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26    Nay 6    (03/12/2025)