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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Polsky moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 3014 and 3015  
insert:

Section 82. (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The health effects experienced by children and adults  
from the fluoridation of drinking water are well documented, and  
water fluoridation has been a nationwide practice since the  
1940s.

(b) Tooth decay is a common cause of chronic disease among  
children and, if left untreated, may decrease a child's quality



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of life and negatively impact his or her ability to thrive.

(c) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that water fluoridation is a proven method to improve oral health in both children and adults.

(d) Some researchers have questioned the need for water fluoridation, suggesting that systemic fluoride exposure is associated with negative health effects, including cognitive impairment, neurobehavioral issues, and skeletal fluorosis.

(2) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct a study of the effects of water fluoridation in communities that have elected to fluoridate their water system.

(a) The study must include all of the following information:

1. The number of communities in this state receiving fluoridated water through the community's water system.

2. The financial impact of water fluoridation on this state.

3. The benefits and risks associated with water fluoridation for both children and adults.

4. Any health impacts documented or reported in the last 25 years, whether positive or negative, which were caused by or otherwise associated with water fluoridation in such communities.

(b) In conducting the study, OPPAGA shall consult with any interested entities.

(c) OPPAGA shall submit the study to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2026.



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(3) This section expires June 30, 2026.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 492

and insert:

lands; providing legislative findings; requiring the  
Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
Accountability (OPPAGA) to study the effects of water  
fluoridation; providing requirements for such study;  
authorizing OPPAGA to consult with any interested  
entity in conducting the study; requiring OPPAGA to  
submit the study to the Governor and the Legislature  
by a specified date; providing for expiration;  
reenacting s. 295.07(5)(a), F.S., relating to