

**RCW 43.20A.040 Secretary of social and health services—  
Appointment—Term—Salary—Temporary appointment if vacancy—As  
executive head and appointing authority.** The executive head and  
appointing authority of the department shall be the secretary of  
social and health services. He or she shall be appointed by the  
governor with the consent of the senate, and shall serve at the  
pleasure of the governor. He or she shall be paid a salary to be fixed  
by the governor in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040. If  
a vacancy occurs in his or her position while the senate is not in  
session, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the  
next meeting of the senate, when he or she shall present to that body  
his or her nomination for the office. [2009 c 549 s 5073; 1970 ex.s.  
c 18 s 4.]