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The following has been provided to us by our attorneys. Effective July 24, 2005 there will be an addition to RCW 59.18.060 regarding "mold information". The addition is as follows:

- (12) Provide tenants with information provided or approved by the department of health about the health hazards associated with exposure to indoor mold. Information may be provided in written format individually to each tenant, or may be posted in a visible, public location at the dwelling unit property. The information must detail how tenants can control mold growth in their dwelling units to minimize the health risks associated with indoor mold. Landlords may obtain the information from the department's web site or, if requested by the landlord, the department must mail the information to the landlord in a printed format. When developing or changing the information, the department of health must include representatives of landlords in the development process. The information must be provided by the landlord to new tenants at the time the lease or rental agreement is signed, and must be provided to current tenants not later than January 1, 2006, or must be posted in a visible, public location at the dwelling unit property beginning the effective date of this act;
- (13) The landlord and his or her agents and employees are immune from civil liability for failure to comply with subsection (12) of this section except where the landlord or his or her agents and employees knowingly and intentionally do not comply with subsection (12) of this section; and

What was previously designated (12) is now designated (14).

This Senate Bill 5049 was approved and filed on May 13, 2005 with an effective date of July 24, 2005.