Policy Identification Worksheet

Policy topic:

Directions: Do some research and find 3 existing or proposed policies (laws, statutes, etc.) on this topic. In addition to a brief description of the policy, you will also indicate the stance (for or against), level of implementation, and provide a link to the actual policy.

**Policy 1**

Policy name (Precise bill/policy/legislation name):

Policy link (Include a direct link to the policy. Do not use Wikipedia, news articles, etc. Go directly to the source for information): \_\_\_\_\_

Implementation level (Circle one of the following that fits your policy):

Organizational/Institutional Local State Federal

Brief summary of the policy in your own words (minimum 100 words):

On a scale of 1 to 5, where do you feel this policy lands on the spectrum of being on the Pro or Con side of your topic? Highlight the appropriate number.

Pro side (in favor of) Con side (against)

1 2 3 4 5

Briefly explain why you think your policy falls on that number in the spectrum. Why is this policy pro, con, or neutral? Do parts of the policy take components from both sides of the topic? For example, does it represent a solution that individuals on different sides of the topic might agree upon? Or, does the policy mainly support one perspective? (minimum 100 words):

**Policy 2**

Policy name (Precise bill/policy/legislation name):

Policy link (Include a direct link to the policy. Do not use Wikipedia, news articles, etc. Go directly to the source for information): \_\_\_\_\_

Implementation level (Circle one of the following that fits your policy):

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**Policy 3**

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Implementation level (Circle one of the following that fits your policy):

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**Topic Stakeholders**

Stakeholders are people or organizations that have an interest or concern in something (a.k.a. have a stake in the outcome). Now that you are familiar with policies on this topic, you should also become familiar with organizations/agencies that are interested in this issue and have a position statement that may support or oppose legislation on this particular topic.

Below you will identify organizations/agencies which are stakeholders for this topic. Include the name of the organization, paraphrase their position statement on the topic, and include a link to the statement you are paraphrasing. The first one, the American Public Health Association (APHA), has already been selected for you and you will fill out the rest. Researching APHA’s position on this topic will help you understand the public health perspective on this topic.

1. ­­­Organization Name: **American Public Health Association (do not remove)**

Position Summary (1 sentence): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

­Link to Position Statement:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Position statement from an organization with a **“con”** stance:

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position Summary (1 sentence): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Link to “Con” Position Statement:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Position statement from an organization with a **“pro”** stance:

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position Summary (1 sentence): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Link to “Pro” Position Statement:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_