Fluoride in public water has slashed tooth decay, but some states may end mandates

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In 2020, about 73% of the U.S. population with public water access got drinking water with fluoride. At least a dozen states have laws mandating that larger communities fluoridate their public water supplies.

Fluoride in public water has slashed tooth decay, and the widespread adoption of water fluoridation has been hailed as one of the greatest public health achievements of the last century. But some states may end mandates.

In Hawaii, lawmakers have considered bills that allow the Department of Health to expunge records for marijuana possession. Thousands in Hawaii with arrest records for marijuana possession could have them expunged if they paid fines.

In Arizona, investigators issued grand jury subpoenas as part of their investigation into a 2020 Trump election probe.

In Kansas, teachers could receive more in retirement under new legislation.

In Alaska, House bills, if passed, could end wetlands protections shelved by the Tennessee Senate.

In Tennessee, lawmakers finalized spending plans for the year.

In Mississippi, a federal judge ruled that PFAS can’t be regulated under the state’s spill law.

In West Virginia, GOP lawmakers tried a new tactic for a library obscenity probe.

In Washington, state lawmakers finalized spending plans for the year.

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