



Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 03/04/2019

Requester: Senator Dhingra

Note: Health impact reviews may only be requested by the Governor or a legislator.

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What is the subject of the Health Impact Review?

Bill

Number: SSB 5889

Title: Concerning insurance communications confidentiality

Bill Draft

Draft Number: _____

Decision Package

If possible, please attach a copy of the relevant portion/aspect of what you are requesting to be reviewed.

Budget Proposal

Other: _____

Should the Health Impact Review analyze the entire proposal or only a portion?

Entire

Portion

If only a portion, please describe what portion(s) the review should analyze.

The review was requested on the Substitute.

Requested completion date: 04/01/2019

If requesting less than a ten-day turnaround during session or less than a 60-day turnaround during the interim, please explain the reasons for the request (for example, needing a review completed in time for a committee hearing).

Please consider completing the optional section on the back of this form, which will give the Board a sense of why this review has been requested.

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~ Optional ~

Please consider completing this optional section, which will give the Board a sense of why this review has been requested.

NOTE: When conducting a health impact review, the Washington State Board of Health will consider various ways that a proposal might exacerbate or ameliorate health disparities. Completing this section will give the Board a head start by helping it understand the reasons why a review is being requested.

Briefly describe how you think the proposal might impact health disparities and whether you believe the impact will be in a positive or negative direction.

During the interim, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities completed a Literature Review on Inequities in Reproductive Health Access as required by SSB 6219, Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care (Reproductive Parity Act, 2018 Legislative Session). The Council recommended 14 actions the Washington State Legislature or state agencies could take to reduce or eliminate specific inequities in access to reproductive health services. Two recommendations related to insurance communications confidentiality, and align with provisions in SSB 5889.

Are there specific organizations or community groups you would like the Board to contact as part of this review if time allows?

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