



## Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 01/22/ 2020

Requester: Senator Lynda Wilson

*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: 5147

Title: Providing tax relief to females by exempting feminine hygiene products from retail sales or use tax

Bill Draft

Draft Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision Package

*If possible, please attach a copy of the relevant portion/aspect of what you are*

Budget Proposal

*requesting to be reviewed.*

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.*

Requested completion date: 02/07/ 2020

*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.**

**Though this bill is related to tax policy, I would argue that there is a health impact as these products are medically necessary and the cost of them is often prohibitive for those who are low-income, the homeless, and many students. When they are unable to afford these products, they may turn to other unsanitary makeshift solutions, which could impact their health such as using socks, reusing products, or free-bleeding, which could also pose a health risk to others.**

**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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