

WASHINGTON STATE 
BOARD OF HEALTH
Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 1 / 27 / 2021

Requester: Senator Liias

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: SB 5313 Title: Concerning health insurance discrimination
- 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: 02/9/2021

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.

Positive: This will increase access for Trans and gender fluid individuals to gender affirming care. Insurance providers label many gender affirming surgeries/practices as cosmetic and unnecessary. Trans and gender fluid folks then have to pay for most or all of the care they need to feel comfortable in their own bodies. This bill works to end that by requiring that insurance providers cover gender affirming care as defined in Sec1 sub sec 16 (Page 5 line 12).

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

Please reach out to Equal Rights Washington.

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