



Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 8 / 7 / 18

Requester: Senator Hasegawa (On Behalf of the Senate MOC)

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: 6406 & 1158
(2017-18)

Title: Restoring the fair treatment of underserved groups in public employment, education, and contracting

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.

The Bill would have impacts on public employment, education, and contracting. Because the Governor's Diversity Subcabinet is focused on equity in contracting and has already contracted for a Disparity Study to look at disparities in public contracting, this HIR request can focus solely on impacts related to public employment and education, including higher education, while incorporating the work of the Subcabinet in the final analysis.

Requested completion date: 10 / 31 / 2018

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).

If the request can be finished sooner, that would be better. Legislators will be convening a legislative forum (likely in October) in which repealing Initiative 200 will be a component. It would be good to get your analysis before then but it's more important to have as deep an analysis as possible.

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.

Repealing I-200, as SB 6406 and HB 1158 would do, has the potential to improve diversity in public employment and education, which would likely reduce health disparities. The conclusions drawn can show parallels with the original implementation of affirmative action after the Civil Rights Act reduced disparities in equity and opportunities. Conversely, the study will also likely show the implementation of I-200 actually reversed the previous gains in eliminating disparities, which would lead to the conclusion that health disparities also increased. The study might finally conclude that repealing I-200 would once again reduce disparities and lead to better health outcomes. Health outcomes in its broadest definition should include both physical and mental health, and the global set of circumstances that support better physical and mental health for communities and individuals.

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

You can draw from the Governor's Disparity Study to supplement your analysis, as well as studies done by other state and local agencies such as the WSDOT. I'd also suggest community based organizations like the Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees and Communities of Color (CIRCC), as well as service based organizations such as the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) and the Chinese Information Service Center (CISC). There are many organizations affiliated with the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC) you can also draw information from.

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