



Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: **01 / 31 / 2019**

Requester: **Representative Mike Pellicciotti**

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: **1382**

Title:

Increasing access to emergency assistance for victims by providing immunity from prosecution for prostitution offenses in some circumstances.

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 / 10 / 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.

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities' Literature Review on Inequities in Reproductive Health Access identified fear of criminal justice involvement as a barrier to victims and survivors of trafficking accessing health care services. The legislation would provide immunity from prosecution for prostitution charges to a victim of one of the following offenses, or a person seeking emergency assistance on behalf of the victim: a violent offense (RCW 9A.030), assault in the third degree (RCW 9A.36.031), assault in the fourth degree (RCW 9A.36.041) or equivalent municipal ordinance, or rape in the third degree (RCW 9A.44.060). We believe this would result in more victims of these offenses accessing emergency assistance and could reduce health disparities for those receiving services.

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

Organization for Prostitution Survivors, Seattle Against Slavery.

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