

WASHINGTON STATE 
BOARD OF HEALTH
Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 12 / 10 / 2020

Requester: Senator Randall

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 6128
(2020
Legislative
Session) Title: Extending coverage during the postpartum
period

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: 01/11/2021

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.

During the 2020 Legislative Session, State Board of Health staff completed a Health Impact Review of SB 6128, Extending coverage during the postpartum period. Evidence indicated that SB 6128 would likely increase access to health insurance for income-eligible individuals who are pregnant or postpartum, which may increase access to and use of healthcare services, improve health outcomes, and decrease health inequities. This review will provide an update to the Health Impact Review completed for SB 6128 (2020 Legislative Session).

State Board of Health staff will update or include new data, information, or resources as part of this review. In addition, Senator Randall is interested in incorporating evidence and research related to the impacts of COVID-19, including impacts on access to Medicaid and health insurance in Washington State and on maternal health outcomes (e.g. postpartum depression and anxiety). Particularly important to note would be any information on lack of access for birthing parents to have their birthing support, such as doulas, in the hospitals with them, as well as any data on separation of COVID-19 positive parents from their infants.

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

State Board of Health staff will connect with key informants interviewed as part of the Health Impact Review of SB 6128 (2020 Legislative Session) (e.g. American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists) to determine if there is new data, information, or resources that should be updated or included in this review. We also encourage the Board to connect with BIPOC organizations such as the Maternal Coalition.

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