



Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: **4 /13 / 2009**

Requester: **Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos**

Note: Health impact reviews may only be requested by the Governor or a legislator.

Staff Contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

What is the subject of the Health Impact Review?

Bill

Number: _____

Title: _____

Bill Draft

Draft Number: _____

Please attach a copy of the draft.

Decision Package

Please attach a copy of a decision package.

Budget Proposal

Please attach a copy of the relevant portion/aspect of the proposal.

Other:

If other, please describe below and attach a copy if available.

Implementation of Core 24 High School Graduation Requirements

Should the Health Impact Review analyze the entire proposal or only a portion?

Entire

Portion

If the review should focus on a portion of the policy or budgetary change, please describe what portion(s) the review should analyze.

Requested completion date: **5 / 1 / 2009**

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 State Board of Education is proposing a plan to increase the high school graduation requirements from 19 credits to 24. In addition to more credits there is more specific language about what those 24 credits must be – for example, three years of math, and additional year of English, as well as a “career concentration” which replaced most classes currently considered electives. Currently only approximately 70% of Washington state students who enter high school graduate four years later with their peers. Another 5% do eventually graduate but that leaves 25% of each class without a high school diploma. The high school graduation rate is only 58% for students living in poverty. According to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, accumulating the necessary credits is the most significant factor in a student deciding to drop out of high school. My concern is that lower rates of graduation for minority and low income students will impact their short and long-term health outcomes in ways that could last a lifetime.

Check any diseases or conditions for which the proposal might exacerbate or ameliorate health disparities.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer, Type _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> SIDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infant mortality | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking cessation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization rates | <input type="checkbox"/> Strokes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's health issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> |
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Check any social determinants of health the proposal might impact in a way that would exacerbate or ameliorate health disparities.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to health care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to nutritious foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Health care capacity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to physical activity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incidence of violence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to safe housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Overall health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally appropriate health care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic standing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early learning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workforce diversity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental health conditions | <u>Access to justice</u> |
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Are there any specific populations that you think might be particularly impacted by this proposal?

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

Special Education Coalition, Tribal Educators, Economic Opportunity Coalition (EOC), Judicial Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Disparities. I have included some phone numbers for the EOC. Ben Kodama 253-863-5400, Chris Katayama 1-800-426-5596, Uriel Iniguez 360-725-5660, Winnie Corral 425-573-2880, Sheryl Fryberg 360-651-4511, Delbert Miller 360-426-4232, Karen Condon 509-631-4866, Ricardo Sanchez 206.697.7433

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