



DATE: August 12, 2015

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Michelle Davis, Board Executive Director

SUBJECT: UPDATE—HEALTH IMPACT REVIEWS

Background and Summary:

In accordance with RCW 43.20.285, the State Board of Health, in collaboration with the Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities, completes health impact reviews at the request of the Governor or a legislator. A health impact review is an objective analysis of a legislative or budgetary proposal to determine if there are likely impacts on health and health disparities.

Today I have asked staff to provide an update on health impact reviews conducted during the 2015 legislative session. The presentation will also highlight new strength of evidence criteria and ways that health impact reviews have become a more recognized tool.

Recommended Board Action:

None at this time.

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