



Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: **09 / 01 / 2016**

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: **HB 2964** Title: **Eliminating lunch copays for students who qualify for reduced-price lunches.**
- Bill Draft** Draft Number: _____
- Decision Package** *If possible, please attach a copy of the relevant portion/aspect of what you are requesting to be reviewed.*
- Budget Proposal**
- 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: **11 / 18 / 2016**

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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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 co-pay is often a barrier for children who do not have the money to purchase lunch, so they are going without. The proposal to eliminate the co-pay, which would allow all low income students to eat lunch while at school, would ameliorate health disparities by ensuring students are fueling their bodies with good nutritious food. Low income students often face food insecurity/hunger, which is exacerbated when they aren't able to afford lunch at school.

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

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