

WASHINGTON STATE 
BOARD OF HEALTH
Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 12 / 30 / 2020

Requester: Representative Wicks

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 1047

Title: Requiring coverage for hearing instruments for children and adolescents

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: 01/15/2021

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 at the request of Representative Kilduff on HB 2410, Requiring coverage for hearing instruments for children and adolescents. Staff found that evidence indicated that HB 2410 would likely result in fully-funded health plans including coverage for hearing instruments and associated care for individuals 18 years of age or younger, which could increase the affordability of hearing instruments, increase the number of youth accessing hearing instruments and technology, improve health outcomes, and reduce health inequities for youth who are deaf or hard of hearing. This review will provide an update to the Health Impact Review completed for HB 2410 (2020 Legislative Session).

State Board of Health staff will update or include new data, information, or resources as part of this review. In addition, staff will include potential impacts of COVID-19, including impacts on access to health insurance in Washington State.

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 may contact key informants interviewed as part of the Health Impact Review of HB 2410 (2020 Legislative Session) to determine if there is new data, information, or resources that should be updated or included in this review.

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