



## Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 01 / 09 / 2018

Requester: Representative Dave Hayes

*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 2287

Title: Establishing a Criminal Justice System  
Diversion Center Pilot Project

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: 02 / 11 / 2018

*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).*

Earlier, if possible.

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.**

A diversion center could impact public safety. Primarily, creating a criminal justice diversion center is most likely to have an impact at the individual-level.

The primary pathway to health outcomes is likely through reducing recidivism and contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Individuals with mental health concerns and individuals experiencing homelessness are disproportionately engaged in the criminal justice system. This suggests that a diversion program specifically serving these individuals could reduce health disparities.

The diversion center may also reduce emergency department utilization among program participants as they are connected to services.

**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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