



## Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: **01 / 11 / 2018**

Requester: **Representative John Lovick**

*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 1655**

Title:

**An act relating to providing industrial insurance coverage for stress-caused mental disorders and disabilities of members of law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system**

**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 / 09 / 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).*

**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.**

**HB 1655 provides that the exclusion for stress-caused mental conditions or disabilities from industrial insurance occupational disease does not apply to members of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System (LEOFF). Law enforcement officers and firefighters are exposed to repeated traumatic events. Making psychological care available to those first responders experiencing stress disorders (e.g. PTSD) or other stress-induced reactions may improve individual health as well as reduce violent interactions between community members and law enforcement.**

**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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