

Health Impact Reviews

2019 Legislative Session Update and Discussion

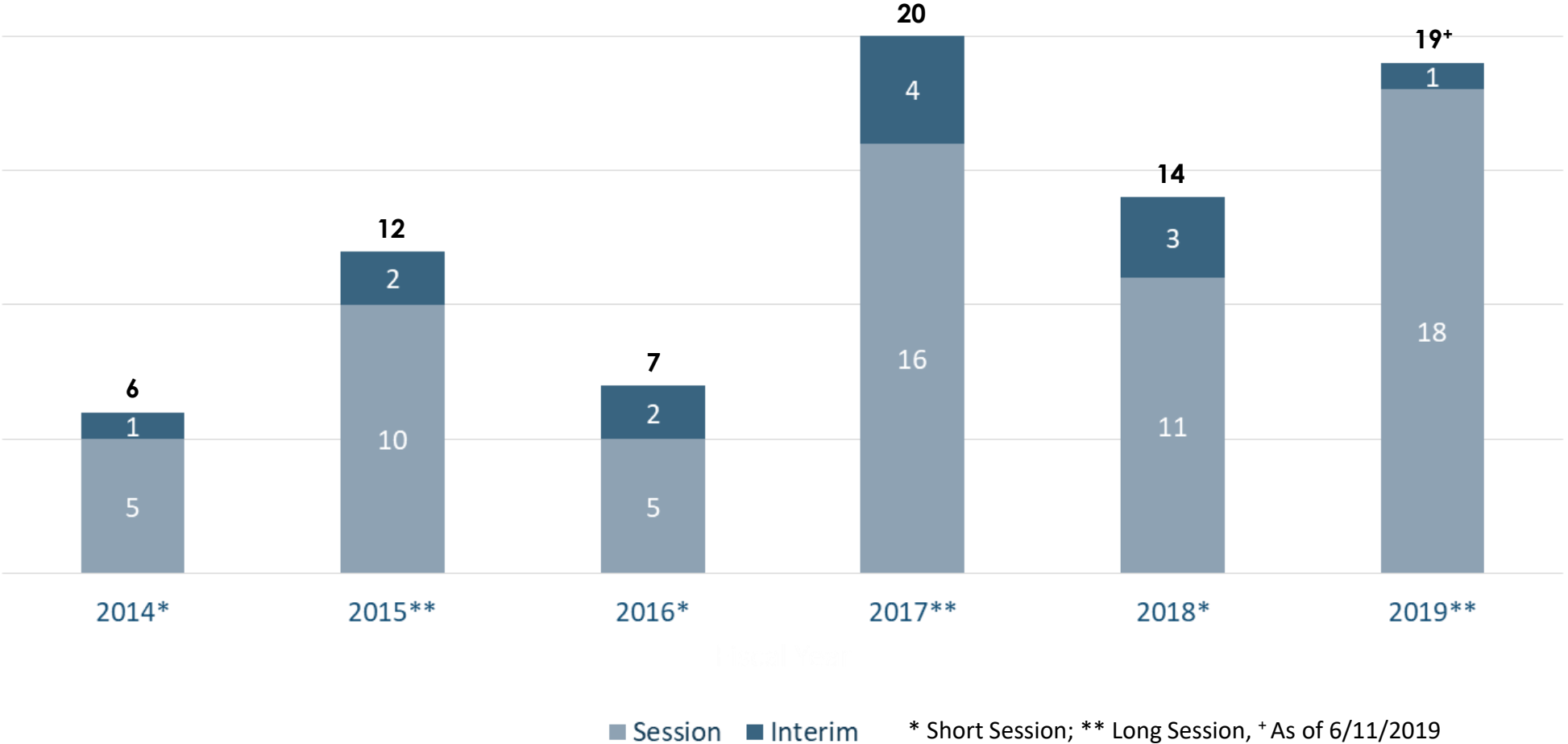
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Summary:

2019 Legislative Session



78 Completed Health Impact Reviews



Discussion:

Incorporating lived experience into Health Impact Reviews



Reminder

Health Impact Review guidance

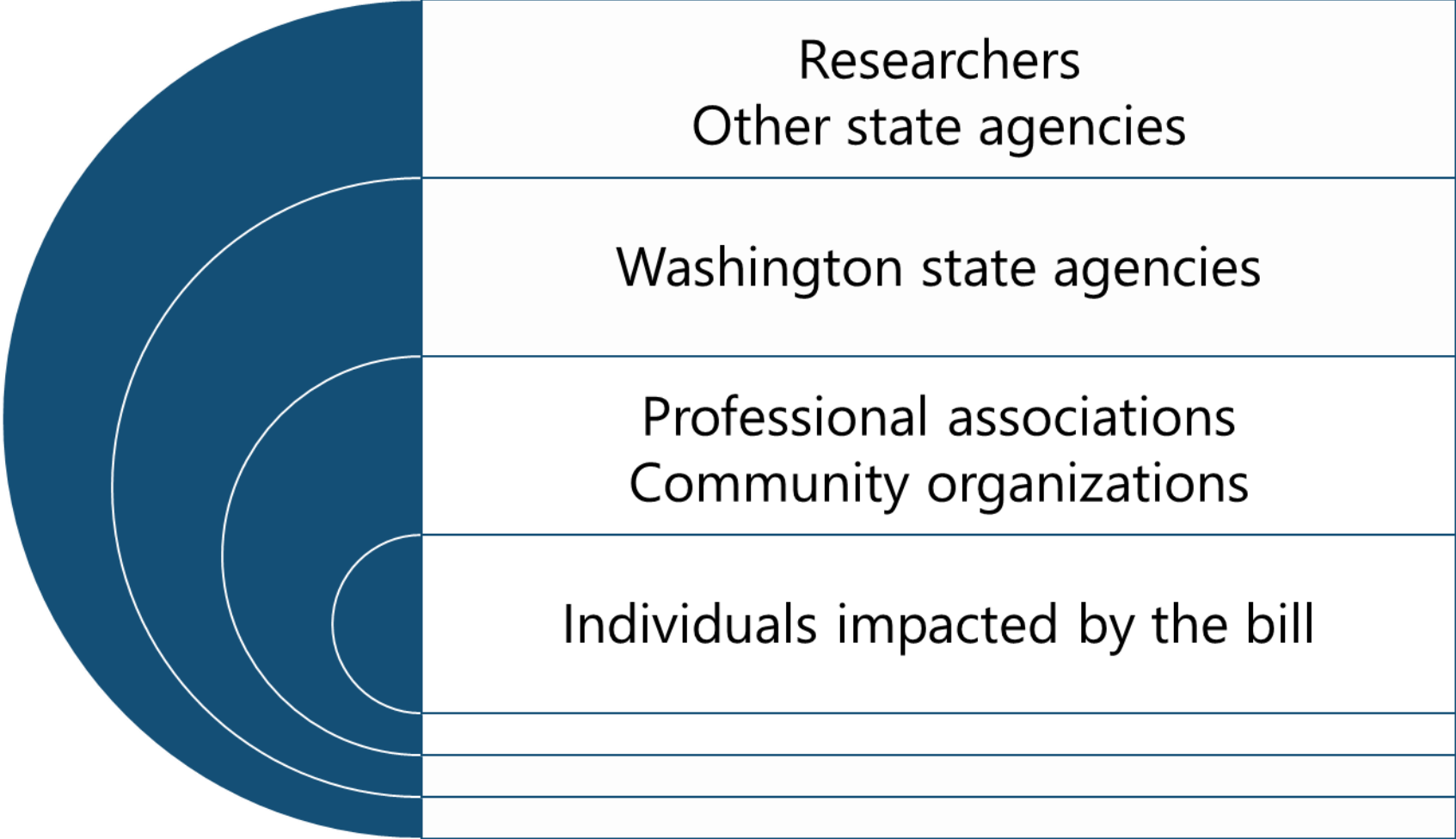
RCW 43.20.285

- During Legislative Session, HIRs must be delivered within 10 days.
- HIRs must be requested by the Governor or a member of the legislature.
- Completed HIRs must be public documents and available on the Board of Health's website.

Internal practice

- During the interim, we set a goal to complete HIRs in 30 days.
- Upon receiving a request and when the review is completed, we send email alerts to Board and Council members, the requesting legislator, relevant committee staff, and other interested parties.
- We conduct key informant interviews with agency staff, other organizations, and individuals that testify to understand the bill provisions and potential impacts.

Levels of Key Informant Engagement



Examples

HB 1382

Increasing access to emergency assistance for victims by providing immunity from prosecution for prostitution offenses in some circumstances

Excerpt from HIR report

The Coalition on Rights & Safety for People in the Sex Trade's Community Survey on Policy Impacts asked: "Have you ever needed medical, law enforcement, or other emergency assistance for yourself or others while engaging in the sex trade, but hesitated calling 911 for assistance? If so, what are your fears?"

Multiple respondents cited fear of arrest, prison/jail, and/or prosecution as why they have hesitated to or not called 911 for emergency assistance for themselves or others. For example, one respondent shared, "I was raped repeatedly but did not call for help because the last time I was in a similar situations and called 911 the cop took me to jail for prostitution and gave the 'John' a ticket" (Coalition, personal communication, February 2019).

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Examples

HB 1728/SB 5258

Preventing the sexual harassment and sexual assault of certain isolated workers

Excerpt from HIR report

A key informant who experienced sexual harassment in the workplace from a supervisor explained that their coworkers would not corroborate the harassing behaviors they witnessed for fear of losing their jobs (personal communication, February 2019).

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Council Feedback

Incorporate lived experience into HIRs

- Requested staff incorporate lived experience into HIRs, including voices from individuals most likely to be impacted by the bill, as appropriate.

Build trusting, accountable relationships

- Emphasized the importance of building and maintaining relationships with key informants and trusted community organizations.
- Recommended following-up with key informants to share findings from the HIR and provide an update at the end of Legislative Session about the bill status.

Connect to network of trusted relationships

- Offered to connect staff to individuals and organizations within their network of trusted relationships.
- Requested staff add information to the HIR email alerts stating which communities may be impacted by the bill in order to facilitate this connection.



Question

In what ways could you facilitate this process?

Next steps





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Washington State Board of Health website:

<http://sboh.wa.gov/OurWork/HealthImpactReviews.aspx>

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