

Health Impact Reviews – An Introduction

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Hi, I'm Lindsay, and I'm part of the team that writes Health Impact Reviews (or H-I-Rs). An HIR is an objective, non-partisan analysis that uses evidence to determine how a bill or budget proposal may impact health and equity in Washington State. HIRs provide decisionmakers with policy-specific information from a health and equity lens.

Any Washington State Legislator or the Governor may request an HIR, and they can be completed on any policy topic, as long as the proposal hasn't passed into law. We are required to complete HIRs in 10 days during Legislative Session and have more flexibility with our timing when the legislature is not in session.

Legislators may request HIRs for many reasons. Some legislators may use HIR findings to learn about potential impacts if a proposal were to become law, to discuss a proposal with colleagues, or to make changes to a proposal.

All completed HIRs are on the State Board of Health's website.

For more information, visit www.sboh.wa.gov/hir.