WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities

Health Impact Review Highlights | **May 2026**

Health Impact Reviews (HIR)

An **HIR** is a policy tool used in Washington State. HIRs provide information about how a legislative proposal may affect health and equity. Any Washington State Legislator or the Governor can request an HIR.

The **State Board of Health** works with the **Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities** to complete HIRs. These reports include data and information from interviews, reports, and published journal articles. HIRs do not include recommendations.

Health Policy Analysts completed 16 HIRs from July 2024 to May 2026.

Legislators asked us to look at proposals about behavioral health, the criminal legal system, health care, housing, and more. Legislators use HIRs to discuss and change policy. They may also use HIRs to share information with community members. Community members can share information about HIRs with their legislators. To learn more about HIRs, visit **www.sboh.wa.gov/hir**

Check out the topics and bill titles below to learn about our recent work.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SHB 1816 – Concerning civilian-staffed crisis response teams
Report | Short summary

SB 5183 / **HB 1203** – Prohibiting the sale of certain tobacco and nicotine products
SB 5183: Report | Short summary
HB 1203: Report | Short summary

CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

HB 1125 – Providing judicial discretion to modify sentences in the interest of justice
Report | Short summary

2SHB 2001 – Providing judicial discretion to modify sentences in the interests of justice (2024 Legislative Session)
Report | Short summary

ECONOMICS

SB 5911 – Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families
Report | Short summary

SB 6129 – Concerning the taxation of cigarettes and other nicotine products
Report | Short summary

ENVIRONMENT

SHB 1420 – Establishing producer responsibility for textiles
Report | Short summary

SSB 5703 – Concerning fair treatment of municipal solid waste systems
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HEALTH CARE

HB 1864 – Transporting patients by ambulance to facilities other than emergency departments
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HB 2560 / SB 6094 – Concerning facilities licensed to provide pediatric transitional care services
HB 2560: Report | Short summary
SB 6094: Report | Short summary

HOUSING

5232-S.E. AMH ELHS H1986.1 – Supporting economic security by updating provisions related to the home security fund and the essential needs and housing support program
Report | Short summary

SSB 5082 – Creating a housing assistance program for youth enrolled in extended foster care
Report | Short summary

LABOR / EMPLOYMENT

SSB 5043 – Concerning industrial insurance coverage for posttraumatic stress disorders affecting correctional facility workers
Report | Short summary

SB 5211 – Authorizing payment for parental caregivers of minor children with developmental disabilities
Report | Short summary

Learn more about how we review research, engage people, and write HIRs.

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