

WASHINGTON STATE   
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Health Impact Review Request Form

Date of request: 11 /29 / 2023

Requester: Representative Simmons

*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: 1859

Title: Concerning the rights of residents in long-term care facilities

**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: Interim 2023

*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).*

**Completed no later than January 17**

**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.**

The majority of individuals on Medicaid reside in adult family homes. Residents in nursing homes have federal protections, but the same protections are not available to those in adult family homes and assisted living. Residents are being moved out of nursing homes and into adult family homes and assisted living. I would love equity to be a focus of this review.

**Are there specific organizations or community groups you would like the Board to contact as part of this review if time allows?**

LTC Ombuds Program, NW Justice Project

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