

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

Date of request: 01 / 08 / 2021

Requester: Representative Thai

*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: H-0290.1 Title: Relating to ensuring equity in health coverage

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: 01/22/2021

*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.**

**This proposal will create parity across publicly funded health coverage programs, regardless of an individual's immigration status. We believe this will have a positive impact, as more people will receive health insurance coverage.**

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

**Huma Zarif or Alexa Silver from NW Health Law Advocates, Leah Rutman from ACLU**

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