

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

Date of request: 01/24/2022

Requester: Representative Pollet

*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: HB 1684

Title: Concerning public health and fluoridation of drinking water (sponsored by Representative Harris)

Bill Draft

Draft Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision Package

*If possible, please attach a copy of the relevant portion/aspect of what you are requesting to be reviewed.*

Budget Proposal

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.*

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Requested completion date: 02/10/2022

*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).*

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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.**

**I hope for a comprehensive review of literature with evaluations of the strength of evidence:**

- **To provide an authoritative review and summary of the peer reviewed and highly credible literature regarding the health benefits of community fluoridation, including on young persons who do not have access to regular primary care or dental care**
- **Provided legislators with an evaluation of the strength of evidence from the literature on improved dental and other health outcomes from fluoridation, especially in communities or populations with inadequate access to dental care**
- **Review if fluoridation programs may reduce the health disparities in access and health of persons of color or low income communities, and if those results may be generalizable to Washington**
- **Reviewed if community fluoridation at various levels poses any of the health effects reported from high natural occurring fluoride levels in drinking water.**
- **Review if evidence of benefit or harm varies by levels of fluoridation, if there are recommended levels of fluoridation reflecting the most recent peer reviewed science, and if there are some levels of community fluoridation that literature shows may result in adverse health effects.**

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

**Washington Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington State Dental Association, Arcora Foundation.**

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