

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
[Report](#) | [Short summary](#)

[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

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