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**Health Care & Wellness Committee**

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**SB 6065**

**Brief Description:** Protecting children under the age of eighteen from the harmful effects of exposure to ultraviolet radiation associated with tanning devices.

**Sponsors:** Senators King, Darneille, Kohl-Welles, Hewitt, Conway and Frockt.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Prohibits minors from using ultraviolet tanning devices.

**Hearing Date:** 2/19/14

**Staff:** Jenna Zwang (786-7290) and Alexa Silver (786-7190).

**Background:**

Tanning occurs when the human body produces melanin, which darkens the skin. Tanning is caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or artificial UV radiation. Tanning beds or booths are equipment that utilize tanning lamps to expose the skin to UV radiation, which induces tanning.

At least 39 states have statutes or rules regulating tanning facilities. These regulations include minimum standards for tanning facilities, restrictions on access for minors, and the licensing, permitting, or registration of tanning facilities. Tanning facilities are currently not licensed in Washington.

**Summary of Bill:**

Persons under 18 years of age are prohibited from using a UV tanning device. A UV tanning device means equipment that emits radiation used for the tanning of the skin, including a sunlamp, tanning booth, or tanning bed. Proof of age must be satisfied with a driver's license or other government-issued identification containing a date of birth and photograph.

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The owner of a tanning facility that permits a minor to use a tanning device is liable for a civil penalty of no more than \$250 per violation. Tanning facilities are locations that provide people access to UV tanning devices for a fee.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.