

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6065

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Synopsis as Enacted

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.

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: Tanning of the skin 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.

Tanning facilities are regulated in at least 33 other states. These regulations include minimum standards for tanning facilities, restrictions on access for minors, and the licensing, permitting, or registration of tanning facilities. Because sun and UV exposure in childhood and the teenage years can be highly damaging, policymakers in some states are regulating minors' use of tanning devices such as tanning beds. California, Illinois, Nevada, Texas, Vermont, and most recently Oregon, currently ban use of tanning beds for minors under the age of 18. Tanning facilities are currently not licensed or regulated in Washington.

Summary: Persons under age 18 are prohibited from using a UV tanning device without a prescription for UV radiation treatment from a licensed physician. Users of UV tanning equipment must present proof of age by presenting a driver's license or other government-issued identification with a date of birth and photograph. Tanning facilities that allow individuals under age 18 to use a tanning device are liable for a civil penalty of no more than \$250 per violation.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	40	8	
House	58	39	(House amended)
Senate	42	6	(Senate concurred)

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