

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6038

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Health & Long Term Care, January 20, 2020

Title: An act relating to acupuncture and Eastern medicine.

Brief Description: Concerning acupuncture and Eastern medicine.

Sponsors: Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Keiser, Short, Conway, Kuderer, Saldaña and Wilson, C..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long Term Care: 1/15/20, 1/20/20 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the definition of acupuncture and *Eastern* medicine. Add a sentence.
- Permits acupuncturists to practice intramuscular and dry needling, practice ear acupuncture, and use contact needling and non-insertion tools.
- Permits acupuncturists, once they have completed a training, to inject local anesthetics for reducing pain during point injection therapy and use oxygen and epinephrine for potential emergency purposes.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Cleveland, Chair; Randall, Vice Chair; O'Ban, Ranking Member; Becker, Conway, Dhingra, Frockt, Keiser, Muzzall, Rivers and Van De Wege.

Staff: Greg Attanasio (786-7410)

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Background:

Adding text to the background.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill: This is the summary of the bill.

EFFECT OF CHANGES:

- Add text for the effect statement.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: This bill is great.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Ann Rivers, Prime Sponsor; Leslie Emerick, Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association; Susan Schultz, WA Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.