

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6038

As of January 15, 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.

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

Staff: Greg Attanasio (786-7410)

Background:

Adding text to the background.

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

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Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): This is the summary of the bill.

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 On Proposed Substitute: 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.