



Bill or Issue:

SB18-040: Substance Use Disorder Harm Reduction

This bill allows for the expansion of harm reduction methods such as syringe access programs into hospitals. Additionally, this bill allows schools to develop policies regarding naloxone as long as training for school staff is a component of the policy. A study is to be conducted by the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study penalties related to opioids including their efficacy and impact on those seeking treatment. Finally, a pilot program for a supervised injection facility in the City and County of Denver.

Health District Board Action:

The Board of Directors voted to support components of this bill. The board strongly supports syringe access programs in hospitals and allowing schools to develop policies regarding naloxone. The board supports the study of penalties by the Commission. The board did not take a position on the pilot-program supervised injection facility.

Date Considered:

Feb. 13, 2018