

## **SB19-227: HARM REDUCTION SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

### **Bill Summary**

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The bill creates the Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund to facilitate bulk purchasing of opiate antagonists at a discounted price. The bill expands the household medication take-back program in the CDPHE for the purpose of allowing the safe collection and disposal of needles, syringes, and other devices used to inject medication. The bill allows schools to develop policies related to supplying and administering opiate antagonists to individuals at risk of experiencing a drug overdose. The bill allows hospitals to operate syringe exchange programs.

### **Health District Board Action**

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The Board voted to Support SB19-227. The Board urged legislators to consider if the impact of the opiate antagonist bulk purchasing fund will be fiscally beneficial for eligible entities at the drug cost currently estimated by the April 12 fiscal note. The Board voted to have a neutral position on the section regarding the provision of naloxone alongside AEDs and urged legislators to clarify what type of person or entity the section is intending to affect.