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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members  
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **HEALTH RECORD BANK PILOT PROJECT**

**Summary**

In 2005, the Legislature passed the Health Information Technology and Electronic Medical Records Initiative, [Substitute Senate Bill 5064](#), which required that the Health Care Authority (HCA) establish the Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (HIIAB). The HIIAB is charged with developing a strategy for promoting more widespread adoption and use of electronic medical records and health information technology in Washington State.

The Board last heard an update on this work from the Health Care Authority (HCA) in October 2006, and members indicated an interest in further updates.

The HIIAB issued a [final report](#) in December 2006. The 2007 Legislature passed HB 5930, the Blue Ribbon Commission bill, which included provisions directing the HIIAB to continue working on a consumer-centric system for health record banking along the lines recommended in the HIIAB report.

HCA requested time on today's agenda to update the Board on the HIIAB's work and to describe the health records bank pilot project. Presenting will be Richard Onizuka, Director, Health Care Policy. The slide presentation is attached.

**Recommended Board Action**

None.