

**Subject** Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council

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## Summary

This bill makes several clarifying changes to the Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council. Notable changes include:

- allowing the chairs and ranking minority members on the council to choose a designee;
- requiring the Commissioner of Human Services to accept council recommendations when appointing a chair; allowing for multiple chairs;
- modifying when appointee terms end;
- requiring the commissioner to actively engage with the council;
- modifying language to ensure equitable and culturally responsive models of program implementation;
- requiring the department to advise on progress and accountability measures for addressing inequities;
- adding more duties for the commissioner, including:
  - reviewing and implementing equity policy with action plans and resources for implementation;
  - supporting interagency collaboration for increased equity;
  - addressing the council at least twice per year; and
  - supporting member participation in the council.
- adding council duty to advance legislative proposals to improve racial and health equity outcomes, with community input;
- modifying council legislative report requirements;
- specifying that council members may not be absent from meetings more than three times per year;
- adding council member duty to participate in work groups;
- removing current June 30, 2020, expiration date; and
- providing compensation, under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.



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