

Subject Racial Equity Impact Notes

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Overview

This bill provides a process for state government agencies to produce Racial Equity Impact Notes on proposed legislation, and establishes a Racial Equity Impact Assessment Working Group to study and make recommendations on the content of these notes and the process for creating them. The Legislative Budget Office is responsible for administering this process.

Summary

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1	Racial equity impact notes.
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Requires state agencies (including the supreme court) to prepare a racial equity impact note on proposed legislation, when requested by the chair or ranking minority member of the standing legislative committee to which a bill is referred, or when requested by the chair or ranking minority member of the house committee on Ways and Means or the senate Committee on Finance. The Legislative Budget Office is responsible for administering the note process. Specific details about the note's contents and distribution are listed in the bill.

This section is effective September 1, 2022.

2	Racial Equity Impact Assessment Working Group.
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Establishes a working group to develop recommendations for the contents of a racial equity impact note, for the process required in order for an agency to generate one. An initial working group report is due by February 1, 2022, but, at the group's discretion, it may continue to meet and submit follow up recommendations. The working group expires September 1, 2023.

A number of details describing the structure and membership of the working group are provided in the bill. The working group consists of 16 total members, including four each appointed by the speaker of the house and the majority leader of the senate. In making those appointments, the speaker and majority leader must consult

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	with the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus within each respective legislative body.
3	Appropriation. Provides an appropriation to support the work of the Racial Equity Impact Assessment Working Group.



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