

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 310
Version: First engrossment

DATE: February 21, 2013

Authors: Moran and others

Subject: Cultural and Ethnic Leadership Communities Council

Analyst: Lynn F. Aves

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd/hrd.htm.

Overview

This bill creates the Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council. The purpose of the council is to provide advice to the commissioner of human services on ways to reduce disparities that affect racial and ethnic groups.

Section

1 Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council. Creates § 256.999.

Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Creates a council to provide advice to the commissioner of human services on ways to reduce disparities that affect racial and ethnic groups.

Subd. 2. Membership. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to appoint a council of no less than 15 and no more than 25 members and to develop guidelines for operation of the council.

Paragraph (b) lists groups who are to be represented on the council.

Paragraph (c) provides that the commissioner must appoint members to a one-year or two-year term.

Paragraph (d) states that the members shall receive no compensation.

Subd. 3. Duties of the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to work and consult with the council and based on council recommendations submit legislation to reduce disparities.

Section

Subd. 4. Duties of the council. Requires the council to identify issues regarding disparities; provide technical assistance to service providers to promote development of culturally appropriate, accessible, and cost-effective services; and make recommendations to the commissioner.

Subd. 5. Duties of the council members. Requires council members to attend, prepare for, and participate in meetings, collaborate on disparity reduction efforts, and participate in activities to facilitate the goals and duties of the council.

Subd. 6. Expiration. Provides that the council does not expire unless directed by the commissioner.