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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5752**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Darneille, Kohl-Welles, Jayapal, Chase, and McAuliffe)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1       AN     ACT     Relating     to     information     concerning     racial  
2     disproportionality; adding a new section to chapter 43.88C RCW; and  
3     creating a new section.

4     BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.     **Sec. 1.**     The legislature finds that the health,  
6     safety, and productivity of all communities is of the utmost  
7     importance to the state of Washington, including historically  
8     marginalized racial and ethnic communities. All citizens are harmed  
9     by unintended racial and ethnic disparities created by legislation.  
10    Therefore, the legislature intends to create a proactive tool  
11    intended to provide legislators with aggregated and disaggregated  
12    demographical data and other information to help legislators  
13    understand possible disparate racial and ethnic impacts, and thus  
14    better informed and intentional decisions on legislative proposals.

15       NEW SECTION.     **Sec. 2.**     A new section is added to chapter 43.88C  
16    RCW to read as follows:

17       (1) The caseload forecast council, in cooperation with the  
18    appropriate legislative committees and legislative staff, the office  
19    of financial management, the department of corrections, the  
20    department of social and health services, the administrative office

1 of the courts, the minority and justice commission, the Washington  
2 state institute for public policy, the department of early learning,  
3 the student achievement council, the state board of education, the  
4 sentencing guidelines commission, and a person from communities at  
5 large deemed appropriate must develop recommendations for procedures  
6 and tools which will enable them to provide cost-effective racial and  
7 ethnic impact statements to legislative bills affecting criminal  
8 justice, human services, and education caseloads forecasted by the  
9 caseload forecast council. The recommendations for the racial and  
10 ethnic impact statements must be able to identify the positive and  
11 negative impacts on communities as a result of proposed or adopted  
12 legislation. The caseload forecast council must submit a report to  
13 the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on or  
14 before December 31, 2015, outlining recommendations for procedures  
15 and tools necessary to provide racial and ethnic impact statements to  
16 criminal justice, human services, and education caseloads.

17 (2) As used in this section, "community" means a group of people  
18 who share some or all of the following characteristics: Geographic  
19 boundaries, sense of membership, culture, language, or common norms  
20 and interests. Community includes, but is not limited to, populations  
21 distinguished by their special education status, sexual orientation,  
22 ethnicity, primary language, or race.

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