

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB814

Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill acknowledges that racial impact statements are a tool for lawmakers to evaluate potential disparities of proposed legislation prior to adoption and implementation. They are similar to fiscal impact statements in that they assist legislators in detecting unforeseen policy ramifications as they pertain to racial disparities within our state. This gives legislators the opportunity to amend their proposed bills to alleviate, or even eliminate, potential harm.

Under this bill, every legislative bill must be accompanied by a statement to inform legislators of the effects bills may have on communities of color or other marginalized communities so that they can take steps to avoid increasing disparities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney