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Meeting Notice

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Council discusses academic achievement gap

Thursday, Feb. 5, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Department of Health, Town Center 1, Room 337, 101 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater

On Thursday the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will receive briefings on the academic achievement gap final reports completed by the HB 2722 Advisory Committee, the Commissions on African American Affairs, Asian Pacific American Affairs, and Hispanic Affairs, and the Governor's Office on Indian Affairs.

In addition, the council will hear a briefing on Puget Sound Health Alliance's Community Checkup Report.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial and ethnic groups in Washington have been well documented.

The council meets Thursday, February 5, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Council members will participate by phone. The public may listen to the meeting, held at the Department of Health, Town Center 1, Room 337, 101 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater.

More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov) (www.healthequity.wa.gov) or by calling the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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