

Agenda Item #4: Legislative Equity Tools / Legislative Equity Assessments

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092](#) (2021-2023 State Operating Budget)
Chapter 236, Laws of 2020

Beginning on page 82, line 33:

Section 131. (12)(a) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 is provided solely for the office of financial management to provide recommendations, as described in (b) of this subsection, on the procedure for providing an equity impact statement for legislative proposals, and content and format requirements for the equity impact statement.

(b) By July 1, 2022, the office of financial management must submit a report to the governor, appropriate committees of the legislature, and statutory commissions that details recommendations on:

- (i) The procedure for providing an equity impact statement for legislative proposals;
- (ii) The format and content requirements for the equity impact statement;
- (iii) A plan, including information technology additions or revisions, necessary to provide equity impact statements;
- (iv) Recommendations on which office or agency should be principally responsible for coordinating the provision of equity impact statements with state agencies; and
- (v) Recommendations on any policy changes needed to implement the provision of equity impact statements.

(c) For the purpose of implementing this subsection, the office of financial management may contract with an entity or entities that have expertise in equity impact assessments.

(d) The office of financial management must consult with the governor's interagency council on health disparities and the office of equity in developing the procedures, and content and format requirements.

(e) For purposes of this subsection, "statutory commission" means the Washington state commission on African American affairs established in chapter 43.113 RCW, the Washington state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs established in chapter 43.117 RCW, the Washington state commission on Hispanic affairs established in chapter 43.115 RCW, the Washington state women's commission established in chapter 43.119 RCW, the Washington state LGBTQ commission established in chapter 43.114 RCW, and the human rights commission established in chapter 49.60 RCW.