

SB 5971 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Directs the secretary of the department of social and health services to convene an advisory committee to analyze and make recommendations on the disproportionate representation of children of color in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems of Washington.

Requires the advisory committee to examine and analyze:
(1) The level of involvement of children of color at each stage in the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems, including the points of entry and exit, and each point at which a treatment decision is made;

(2) The number of children of color in low-income or single-parent families involved in the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems; and

(3) The outcomes for children in the existing systems. This analysis shall be disaggregated by racial and ethnic group, and by geographic region.

Declares that the advisory committee shall report to the secretary of the department of social and health services on the results of the analysis.

Requires the secretary to report the results of the analysis to the appropriate committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over policy and fiscal matters relating to children, families, and human services and to report annually to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the implementation of the remediation plan.