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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Taylor, Reed, Doglio, Ramel, Scott, Parshley, and Simmons)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting information related to racial
2 disproportionality in child welfare; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By September 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, the
8 department shall, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, submit a report
9 to the appropriate committees of the legislature that provides data
10 regarding racial disproportionality in child welfare and
11 recommendations to address that disproportionality and meets the
12 requirements of this section, with a preliminary report due October
13 1, 2025.

14 (2) The report required under this section must include, but is
15 not limited to, the following information, from at least the last
16 five years of available information, disaggregated by race:

17 (a) The number of child abuse and neglect intakes received by the
18 department where physical abuse or sexual abuse are listed as
19 allegations;

20 (b) The number of child abuse and neglect intakes received by the
21 department where neglect is the primary allegation;

1 (c) The number of child abuse and neglect intakes received by the
2 department that screen in for investigation where neglect is the
3 primary allegation;

4 (d) The number of child abuse and neglect intakes received by the
5 department that screen in for investigation where physical abuse or
6 sexual abuse are listed as allegations;

7 (e) The number of child abuse and neglect intakes received by the
8 department that screen in and the department offers a family
9 assessment response as defined in RCW 26.44.020;

10 (f) The number of families for which the department provides a
11 referral for prevention services;

12 (g) Families who receive prevention services;

13 (h) Placement and outcome information including the number of
14 children who reunify with a parent or guardian, the number of
15 children who are placed with a relative, and the number of placements
16 experienced by children who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW;

17 (i) The number of families for which the department receives more
18 than one child abuse and neglect intake;

19 (j) The length of time that children who are dependent under
20 chapter 13.34 RCW spend as a dependent, in foster care, with
21 relatives, in group care, with a parent or guardian while still
22 dependent, or in other placements;

23 (k) The number of child abuse and neglect intakes received by the
24 department that screen in for investigation for children who are
25 dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW while those children are in out-of-
26 home care; and

27 (l) Employees of the department separated by job classification
28 highlighting leadership and supervisory positions separately from
29 nonleadership and nonsupervisory positions.

30 (3) In addition to the information required under subsection (2)
31 of this section, the report required under this section must include:

32 (a) The efforts taken by the department to address racial
33 disproportionality in child welfare;

34 (b) The outcome measures used by the department to gauge
35 improvement in addressing racial disproportionality in child welfare;

36 (c) Recommendations regarding policy, practice, or funding
37 changes that could reduce racial disproportionality in child welfare;
38 and

39 (d) Updates from the assessment oversight group within the
40 department regarding monitoring the use of assessments, approving the

1 selection of new tools, and coordinating assessment tools that are
2 related to racial disproportionality in child welfare.

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