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**HOUSE BILL 1660**

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**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) Child abuse referrals;  
18 (b) Child neglect referrals;  
19 (c) Child neglect referrals that screen in for investigation;  
20 (d) Child abuse referrals that screen in for investigation;

1 (e) Families receiving a family assessment response as defined in  
2 RCW 26.44.020;

3 (f) Families for which the department provides a referral for  
4 prevention services;

5 (g) Families who receive prevention services;

6 (h) Children who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW who  
7 receive a guardian appointed by the court under RCW 13.36.050, a  
8 guardianship under RCW 11.130.215, or who receive a guardian  
9 appointed by a tribal court under RCW 74.13.031(17);

10 (i) The length of time that children who are dependent under  
11 chapter 13.34 RCW spend as a dependent, in foster care, with  
12 relatives, in group care, with a parent or guardian while still  
13 dependent, or in other placements; and

14 (j) Employees of the department separated by job classification  
15 highlighting leadership and supervisory positions separately from  
16 nonleadership and nonsupervisory positions.

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

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

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

23 (c) Recommendations regarding policy, practice, or funding  
24 changes that could reduce racial disproportionality in child welfare;

25 (d) Updates on implementing the child welfare redesign; and

26 (e) Updates from the assessment oversight group within the  
27 department regarding monitoring the use of assessments, approving the  
28 selection of new tools, and coordinating assessment tools that are  
29 related to racial disproportionality in child welfare.

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