



## 2014 RACIAL EQUITY BILL WATCH

Bills introduced in the Minnesota Legislature that address racial disparities across multiple opportunities. Some of the bills listed here relate to the 2014 Racial Equity Agenda and may be part of the 2013-14 biennium Legislative Report Card on Racial Equity. Although some bills listed may not progress further, we recognize the racial equity impact they could have if adopted. Bill action as of April 16, 2014.

### **American Indian Communities and Tribal Sovereignty**

HF 1926/SF 2098 (Rep. Hansen/Sen. Saxhaug)

Provision of \$2.8 million to the Fond du Lac Band of Superior Chippewa to acquire 956 acres and restore 271 additional acres in the St. Louis River watershed. *House: passed; Senate: Rules and Administration.*

HF 3043/SF 1660 (Rep. Allen/Sen. Brown)

Allowing local governments to transfer cemetery property to tribal associations. *House: second reading; Senate: second reading.*

HF 2680/SF 2256 (Rep. Isaacson/Sen. Hawj)

Proposes revised wolf management plan, annual wolf census, and advisory task force. No baiting of wolves within 10 miles of tribal lands; reaffirms prohibiting hunting wolves on federally recognized tribal lands. *House: Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 3216/SF 2754 (Rep. Huntley/Sen. Lourey)

Relating to foster care and recognizing tribal code and courts. *House: Health and Human Services Finance Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

### **Budget Equity**

HF 1884 (Rep. Davnie)

HF 3142 (Rep. Faust)

HF 2929/SF 2765 (Rep. Hansen/Sen. Metzen)

All increasing Renters' Credit for 2014. Now contained in Omnibus Tax Bill HF 3167/SF 2726. (Rep. Lenczewski/Sen. Skoe). *Passed in House and Senate, now in conference committee.*

HF 3200/SF 2484 (Rep. Loeffler/Sen. Dziedzic)

Calling for an increase in the Working Family Credit and for state conformity to the federal improvements. Now contained in HF 1777 tax bill. *Passed in House and Senate; signed into law on March 21, 2014.*

HF 2395/SF 2107 (Rep. Hornstein/Sen. Dibble)

Transportation finance bill, watching for  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent metro area sales tax to support public transit and prevent fare increases. *House: Taxes Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

**Civil Rights and Criminal Justice**

HF 2576/SF 2214 (Rep. Melin/Sen. Champion)

Allowing court expungement of criminal records. *House: bill passed as amended; Senate: second reading.*

HF 491/SF 107 (Rep. R. Dehn /Sen. Champion)

Restoration of voting rights for formerly incarcerated individuals on probation or parole. *House: Elections Committee; Senate: Rules and Administration Committee.*

HF 807/SF 1441 (Rep. Mullery/Sen. Champion)

Allowing up to 180 day continuance without adjudication in juvenile cases. *House: Judiciary Finance and Policy Committee; Senate: second reading.*

HF 1929/SF 2485 (Rep. R. Dehn/Sen. Dziedzic)

Requiring studies on sentencing disparities and minority offender access to reentry services. *House: Judiciary Finance and Policy Committee; Senate: Judiciary Committee.*

HF 2173/SF 2730 (Rep. Hornstein/Sen. Eaton)

Expanding enforcement and oversight function of the Department of Human Rights, including conducting an affirmative action and human rights impact analysis of all executive orders and proposed legislation. *House: Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee; Judiciary Committee.*

**Economic Equity**

HF 2091/SF 1775 (Rep. Winkler/Sen. Hayden)

Minimum wage raised to \$9.50/hour for large employers by 2016, indexed to inflation starting in 2018. *Passed in House and Senate; signed into law on April 14, 2014.*

HF 2293/SF 2368 (Rep. Atkins/ Sen. Hayden)

Payday lending regulations to limit use of short-term loans. *Second reading in both House and Senate.*

HF 2458/SF 1739 (Rep. Allen /Sen. Hayden)

Expanding education opportunities for participants in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). *House: Health and Human Services Finance; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 348/SF 271(Rep. Clark /Sen. Champion)

Allowing Minnesotans to obtain drivers licenses, regardless of immigration status. *House: Ways and Means Committee; Senate: passed in 2013.*

HF 2031/SF 1977 (Rep. Hausman /Sen. Stumpf)

\$100 million in bonds for housing, including supportive housing, preservation, foreclosure recovery, and public housing repairs. *House: Ways and Means Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 2029/SF 1870 (Rep. Kahn/Sen. Dziedzic)

Requiring a study of funding, impact, and needs of racially and ethnically diverse artists in Minnesota. *House: second reading; Senate: State and Local Government Committee.*

HF 2112/SF 2638(Rep. Clark/Sen. Hawj)

Creating the Housing Opportunities Made Equitable (HOME) pilot project to address disparity in homeownership. Now part of HF 859/SF 771 (Rep. Simon /Sen. Hayden). *House: passed; Senate: Rules and Administration Committee.*

HF 2615/SF 2056(Rep. Simonson/Sen. Schmit)

Expansion of funding for broadband development in underserved areas of Minnesota. Now part of HF 2976/SF 2633 Supplemental jobs and economic development finance bill. *House: Ways and Means Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 2251/SF 2010 (Rep. Moran/Sen. Champion)

Allowing for expungement of housing eviction orders and requiring expungement three years after eviction order, removing this barrier to obtaining housing. *House: Civil Law Committee; Senate: Judiciary Committee.*

HF 2373/SF 1806(Rep. Moran/Sen. Pappas)

Requiring businesses of 50 or more employees with contracts of \$500,000 or more with the state to ensure compliance with equal pay for equal work laws, addressing disparate pay between male and female employees. *House: Ways and Means Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 2461/SF 2105 (Rep. Lesch/Sen.Pappas)

Providing for accrual of paid sick and safe leave. *House: Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee; Senate: Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.*

### **Education Equity**

HF 826/SF 783 (Rep. Davnie/Sen. Dibble)

Safe and Supportive Schools Act to prevent bullying and allow for restorative justice. *Passed in House and Senate; signed into law on April 9, 2014.*

HF 2130/SF 2792(Rep. Moran/Sen. Wiger)

Requiring student-to-school counselor ratio to be at national average and creating a task force on racial diversity of teachers and guidance counselors. *House: Education Policy Committee; Senate: Education Committee.*

HF 1880/SF 1966 (Rep. Winkler/Sen. Franzen)

Expanding availability of early learning scholarships. Now part of HF 895/SF 767 (Sen. Marquart/Sen. Wiger) Omnibus E-12 finance bill. *House: Taxes Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 2942/SF 2549 (Rep. Slocum/Sen. Torres Ray)

Modifying information dissemination about dual credit programs for high school students to allow sharing information beyond program and education purposes (to include financial benefits of dual credit options). *House: Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee; Senate: Education Committee.*

HF 2275/SF 2363 (Rep. Moran/Sen. Pappas)

Appropriation for grant to St. Paul Promise Neighborhood. Now part of HF 895/SF 767(Sen. Marquart/Sen. Wiger) Omnibus E-12 finance bill. *House: Taxes Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 3062/SF 2611 (Rep. Mariani/Sen. Torres Ray)

Recognizes the academic asset of bilingual students and directs development of culturally relevant teaching. Now part of HF 895/SF 767 Omnibus E-12 finance bill. *House: Taxes Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 2480/SF 2562(Rep. Selcer/ Sen. Hayden)

Expanding access to school lunch program for students eligible for free or reduced price meals. Now in HF 3172/SF 2785 (Rep. Carlson /Sen. Cohen) Omnibus supplemental appropriations bill. *Passed in House and Senate; now in conference committee.*

### **Health Equity**

HF 2131(Rep. Moran)

Establishing minority ombudsman for MNSure, supporting collaborative strategies to improve access to health care, and task forces to address health disparities and priorities. *House: Health and Human Services Policy Committee.*

HF 2110/SF 1918 (Rep. Clark/Sen. Hawj)

Modifying loan and grants programs that support urban agriculture, reduce food deserts, and address health disparities through fresh food access. *House: Agriculture Policy Committee; Senate: Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.*

HF 2111/SF 2537 (Rep. Clark/Sen. Hayden)

Adding urban agriculture development zones in land use planning. *House: Agriculture Policy Committee; Senate: withdrawn and returned to author.*

HF 2248/SF 1857 (Rep. Allen/Sen. Pappas)

Appropriation for safe harbor shelter and housing fund for housing and supportive services for sexually exploited youth. *House: Health and Human Services Finance; Senate: Finance Committee.*

HF 3175/SF 2775 (Rep. Mariani/Sen. Wiklund )

Requiring state health outcomes reports to include data stratified by disability, race, ethnicity, language, and other factors and appropriation for health impact assessment of school discipline policies. *House: Health and Human Services Policy Committee; Senate: Finance Committee.*