

The History and Accomplishments of the Iowa Minority Impact Statement

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Introduction

Being a former football player, I've always wanted to be number one, whether it was in high school, junior college or college, I very much liked the accolades that comes from being number one. In 1996 I became the tenth and only African American to serve as an Iowa State legislator. I like the accolades of being number one. But I do not like being number one living in a state that's rated number one in America for black incarceration.

In 2007, the nationally known Sentencing Project, based in Washington, DC did a research and report about black incarceration compared to white.¹ Iowa was rated number one in America and my hometown of Washington, DC was rated number two.² I understood why my hometown was rated number two, because of the high population who lived in Washington, D.C. But for the best of me, I could not understand why the state of Iowa was rated number one.

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¹ See *Generally* MARC MAUER & RYAN S. KING, *UNEVEN JUSTICE: STATE RATES OF INCARCERATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY* (2007).

² *Id.* at 11.

As a Democratic State Representative from Des Moines, Iowa, that statistic bothered me greatly, and I wanted to do something about it. I called Marc Mauer, Executive Director of The Sentencing Project, and requested to meet with him because I did not believe his research. After meeting Mr. Mauer later he showed me his research and his documentation on why Iowa was number one. At that time I asked him the question, “what can I do about it?” He then told me about an idea regarding legislation that he had been thinking about that could be helpful to me in addressing the problem. In 2007, I asked Mr. Mauer to come to Iowa to meet with city, state, and local officials to help build upon the minority impact statement language that I believed I could put together and get the legislation passed. In 2008 I authored the Minority Impact Statement bill (House File 2393), which required impact statement attached to legislation affecting minorities whenever a law “creates a public offense, significantly changes an existing public offense or the penalty for an existing offense, or changes existing sentencing, parole, or probation procedures.”³ In addition,

House File 2393 required that any applicant for a state grant from a state of Iowa agency must include a minority impact statement that indicates if there will be any disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons in Iowa. If there is an impact, the applicant must explain the rationale for such an impact. In addition, they must disclose whether representatives of minority persons were consulted about the impact. The bill defines minority persons as women, persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or pacific Islanders, American Indians, or Alaskan Native Americans.⁴

In 2008, the Iowa House and Senate passed the Minority Impact Statement legislation and Governor Chet Culver signed the bill making Iowa the first state in the nation to require a Minority Impact Statement.⁵ As an Iowa State Legislator, I have also watched millions of dollars allocated to grant recipients. Some of those grant requests were to benefit the minority community in Iowa. The above part of the legislation was an attempt to ensure that grantees were held accountable.

³ H.File 2393, 82nd Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (Iowa 2008), <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=82&ba=HF%202393>.

⁴ *Minority Impact Statement Law Passes House*, IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS (Mar. 25, 2008) <https://iowahouse.org/minority-impact-statement-law-passes-house/>

⁵ H.File 2393, *supra* note 3; see Vesna Jaskic, *Iowa Passes Law Requiring Examination of Racial Impact of all New Sentencing Laws*, NAT. L.J. (Apr. 18, 2008), <https://www.law.com/almID/900005509140/>.

Since 2008, Connecticut, Oregon, New Jersey, and recently Maryland have implemented similar legislation, while the Minnesota Sentencing Guideline Commission (2007) and Florida (2014 and 2019) have added procedures but have not passed legislation.⁶ Since my retirement as State Legislator in 2010, there have been approximately 20 states that have attempted some form of this groundbreaking legislation.⁷ In recent legislative sessions, states such as Arizona, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Maine and Vermont have introduced Minority Impact Statement legislation.⁸ I have documented which states, and which states have not, have attempted to pass the historic minority impact statement language in the appendix of this article available on the Journal's website.⁹

What States Need to Ensure Implementation of Minority Impact Statements

I have been contacted by some of the aforementioned States for various reasons for regarding the implementation of the Minority Impact Statement. In order for states to accomplish what I did in Iowa, you need a legislator who is knowledgeable about the minority impact statement language and history. You need an engaged community nonprofit, similar to Urban Dreams, a nonprofit organization that I founded in 1985 and led until my retirement in 2017. You need a strong relationship with your community media outlets to be sure that information about various legislation is communicated to the everyday people. This builds community support as the common denominator that elevates the legislation.

Also from my observation, the major reason that the state of Iowa has and will continue to be a leader in the expansion of minority impact statements both in America and throughout the world, is because Iowa has a justice data warehouse system that allows us to access data throughout the Iowa Criminal Justice System, under the Iowa Department of Human Rights that

⁶ See CONN. GEN. STAT. § 2-24b (2018); N.J. REV. STAT. § 2C:48B-2 (2018); OR. REV. STAT. § 137.683 (2017); Madeleine O'Neill, Maryland Will Add Racial Impact Assessments to Key Pieces of Legislation, USA TODAY NETWORK (Feb. 1, 2021 1:24 PM), <https://www.delmarvanow.com/story/news/local/maryland/2021/02/01/maryland-add-racial-impact-assessments-key-pieces-legislation/4339303001/>; see also Jessica Erickson, Comment, *Racial Impact Statements: Considering the Consequences of Racial Disproportionalities in the Criminal Justice System*, 89 WASH. L. REV. 1425, 1445 (2014) (describing various state minority impact statements); Nicole D. Porter, *Racial Impact Statements*, SENTENCING PROJECT (Sep. 30, 2019), <https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/racial-impact-statements/> (describing various state minority impact statements).

⁷ Porter, *supra* note 6.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ See Appendix: State Minority Impact Research, *infra* pages 27–29.

substantiates the necessity of these legislative efforts.¹⁰ I would advise others to invest in a data mechanism that illustrates critically needed facts to make informed governing policies.

Model Legislation Recommendations

From my research, two publications stand out on the effective implementation of minority impact statements: Jessica Erickson's comment in the *Washington Law Review* from 2014¹¹ and recent recommendations by the National Juvenile Justice Network in October of 2020.¹² Erickson's comment strongly suggests that "effective racial impact statements should attach automatically to legislation, include more specific standards for data collection, and require legislators to take additional steps to address a predicated disproportionate impact."¹³ The National Juvenile Justice Network's recommendations are the following:

The case study of Iowa's minority impact statement legislation is an illuminating lesson for advocates. While no state has adopted a model minority/racial impact statement, implementation of each statute has highlighted important lessons for how to strengthen the efficacy of minority/racial impact statements. Advocates should consider the following lessons learned from Iowa, Connecticut, Oregon and New Jersey:

1. Require that the minority/racial impact statement cover both youth and adult justice related legislation. If possible, require that the legislation also cover regulations, as done in New Jersey and the state grant making process, as done in Iowa.
2. Ensure that all legislators have the power to request a statement on a youth or adult justice related bill if it does not have a statement.
3. Statements should be available to the public before public committee hearings begin.
4. The agency developing the statements should use standardized, defined categories (i.e. negative, positive, no impact) to ensure the statements are meaningful and consistent.

¹⁰ See *Criminal Justice Data*, IOWA DEP'T OF HUMAN RIGHTS, <https://human-rights.iowa.gov/cjpp/justice-data-warehouse/criminal-justice-data> (last visited Feb. 20, 2021).

¹¹ Erickson, *supra* note 6, at 1455–65.

¹² NAT'L JUVENILE JUSTICE NETWORK, THE PROMISE OF RACIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS: FINDINGS FROM A CASE STUDY OF MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENTS IN IOWA 16–17 (2020).

¹³ Erickson, *supra* note 6, at 1459.

5. Consider including race, ethnicity, disability, gender, and sexual orientation as potential identities to consider for the purposes of monitoring the impact of the youth and adult systems on particular populations.
6. Require that the statement includes an explanation of the methodology used to determine the impact. Oregon's law requires a "statement of the methodologies and assumptions used in preparing the estimate."
7. Require that the agency developing the statement provide a detailed and comprehensive analysis of the specific bill beyond the general census data on the state's general population versus its criminal justice population.
8. Require an annual report analysis of minority impact statements that includes how many were produced, how many were categorized as negative, positive, no impact, etc., and how many of each category were attached to bills that passed the legislature and were signed by the governor.
9. Provide language to include the opportunity to look retrospectively at the racial or minority impact of current law compared to proposed legislation.
10. Prohibit legislation with a negative impact from being passed or require such legislation to include a mechanism for reducing the racially disparate impact of the law.
11. Include an accountability and oversight mechanism in the statute.¹⁴

What's Been Done

Milwaukee County in Wisconsin was one of the first counties in America to adopt minority impact statement language in 2014.¹⁵ In June 2020, a file was introduced by Alderman Khalif J. Rainey to assess the positive and

¹⁴ NAT'L JUVENILE JUSTICE NETWORK, *supra* note 11, at 16–17.

¹⁵ Ald. Khalif Rainey, *Milwaukee County Board Passes Rainey's Resolution to Create Minority Impact Statements for County Contracts and Grants of \$300,000 or More*, URB. MILWAUKEE (Feb. 7, 2014, 12:02 PM), <https://urbanmilwaukee.com/pressrelease/milwaukee-county-board-passes-rainey-resolution-to-create-minority-impact-statements-for-county-contracts-and-grants-of-300000-or-more/>.

negative impacts of Common Council legislation on minority groups.¹⁶ “The legislation creates . . . safeguards to protect minority populations, who are often our most vulnerable, and helps establish more transparency in the legislative process.”¹⁷ Its implementation “will make Milwaukee a better and stronger community for everyone.”¹⁸ I advised Alderman Rainey on this initiative.

In a previous session, the four black Iowa lawmakers, Representatives Ras Smith, Ako Abdul-Samad, Ruth Ann Gaines and Phyllis Thede, tried to address various legislation by asking their colleagues to adopt “minority impact statements that would require hard data on how future bills would impact minorities on issues like economic opportunities, employment, educational opportunities and voter rights.”¹⁹ Their gesture garnered local, state and national attention. I am very excited about the continued evolution of the Iowa Minority Impact Statement legislation and I am also very excited to be involved with municipalities, county governments, state governments and the federal government as they engage in these discussions.

What I Will do Moving Forward

I continue to work very closely with The Sentencing Project, The Urban Institute, The National Juvenile Justice Network, and Drake University’s Legislative Practice Center. I’ve done webinars and led workshops on Capitol Hill with these national entities. There are two resolutions, one with the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and one with the NAACP that have been passed regarding minority impact statements.²⁰ With the Urban Institute, I am on the Advisory Board for the Prison Research and Innovation Initiative, which works “to infuse prisons with research, evidence, transparency, and innovation to promote the well-being of people who live and work there.”²¹

¹⁶ Ald. Khalif Rainey, *Council Approves Ordinance Requiring Equity Impact Statements*, URB. MILWAUKEE (July 28, 2020, 1:08 PM), <https://urbanmilwaukee.com/pressrelease/council-approves-ordinance-requiring-equity-impact-statements/>.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ Barbara Rodriguez, *‘No Reason We Can’t Have More People Here’: Iowa has Just 4 Lawmakers of Color at Capitol*, DES MOINES REG. (Apr. 22, 2019, 4:27 PM), <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2019/04/22/iowa-legislature-black-lawmakers-color-review-bills-minority-impact-statement-diversity-ras-smith/3447370002/>.

²⁰ NAT’L BLACK CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATORS, 2009 RATIFIED RESOLUTIONS 32–33 (2009); NAACP, ESTABLISHING A “CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENT” (2010).

²¹ *Prison Research and Innovation Initiative: Advisory Board*, URBAN INSTITUTE, <https://www.urban.org/features/prison-research-and-innovation-initiative/advisory-board>.

I am also building a nonprofit, The Wayne Ford Equity Impact Institute, based on the historic language that I authored.²² I have a group of nationally known advisory board members whose expertise will assist in making this dream a reality.²³ With equity at the forefront of current events, I have no doubt that this entity will perpetuate my efforts to make the world less colorblind. The Institute will be operational in 2021.

I will also be working with former Iowa Governor Chet Culver, who was the first Governor to sign the minority impact statement legislation, with the goal of increasing the minority impact statement legislation movement to local municipalities, county governments, state governments, and Federal legislation.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

Appendix: State Minority Impact Statement Research

State	Year(s) of Attempted Legislation	Legislator Contact
Alabama		
Alaska		
Arizona	<p>SB 1710 - Introduced by Mendez - Referred to committees on Gov. and Rules</p> <p>2020 Session SB 1363 held in comm.</p> <p>2017 Session SB 1503 held in comm.</p> <p>2014 Session SB 1417 held in comm.</p>	<p>Senator Juan Mendez (D) - Maricopa email: JMendez@azleg.gov phone: (602) 926-4124</p>
Arkansas	<p>2017 Session SB 237 died Sine Die adjournment</p> <p>2015 Session SB 604 died Sine Die adjournment</p> <p>2013 Session SB 1093 died Sine Die adjournment</p>	<p>Senator Joyce Elliott (D) email: Joyce.Elliott@senate.ar.gov phone: (501) 603-9546</p>
California	No legislation, but the State Interagency Team researched and established an RIS tool for the state to use (PDF of the report in files)	
Colorado	<p>Enacted HB 19-1184 in the 2019 Regular Session</p> <p>Language is "Demographic Notes"</p> <p>2017 HB 17-1191 Indefinitely Postponed in Senate Finance Committee</p>	<p>Rep. Leslie Herod (D) - Denver email: leslie.herod.house@state.co.us phone: (303) 866-2959</p> <p>Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D) - Denver surrounding area email: yadira.caraveo.house@state.co.us phone: (303) 866-2918</p> <p>Senator Angela Williams (D) - Denver email: angela.williams.senate@state.co.us phone: (303) 866-4864</p>
Connecticut	<p>Enacted SB 256 in the 2018 Regular Session</p> <p>2017 SB 482</p> <p>2008 HB 5916</p>	<p>Introduced by the Committee on Government Administration and Elections</p> <p>Co-Sponsors: Sen. Gary A. Winfield Sen. Kevin D. Wilkos Sen. Terry B. Gerratana Rep. Juan R. Candelaria Rep. Andrew M. Fleischmann Rep. Patricia Billie Miller Rep. Hilda E. Santiago Sen. Kevin C. Kelly Sen. Catherine A. Osten Sen. Bob Duff Sen. George S. Logan Sen. Mae Flexer</p>
Delaware		
Florida	<p>2019 Partnership with FSU</p> <p>2017 SB 1188 died in Judiciary</p> <p>2015 HB 1303 died in Gov. Ops. Subcomm.</p> <p>2014 SB 336 and HB 237</p>	<p>Senator Randolph Bracy (D) - Orlando email: General_email_intake_form phone: (407) 297-2045</p>
Georgia		
Hawaii		
Idaho		
Illinois	<p>2020 HB 4428 died Sine Die</p> <p>2019 HB 5194 died Sine Die</p> <p>2018 HB 5877 died Sine Die</p> <p>2017 SB 691 died Sine Die</p> <p>2016 SB 576 died Sine Die</p> <p>2015 SB 568 died Sine Die</p> <p>2013 HB 3245 died Sine Die</p> <p>2011 ILCS 5025 Racial and Ethnic Impact Research Task Force Enacted</p>	<p>2020 Session Sponsors:</p> <p>Rep. Camille Lilly - (D) Oak Park email: staterepcamillelilly@gmail.com phone: (217) 782-6400 AND (773) 473-7300</p> <p>Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez (D) - Cicero email: repehemendez@yahoo.com phone: (217) 782-8173 AND (708) 222-5240</p> <p>2019 Session Sponsor:</p> <p>Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D) - Aurora email: RepChapaLaVia@gmail.com phone: (217) 558-1002 AND (630) 270-1848</p>
Indiana		
Iowa	<p>HF 478 - Introduced by Rep. Abdul-Samad and 26 D's - Referred to Appropriations</p> <p>Enacted HF 2393 - By Wayne Ford - Enacted in the 2008 Regular Session</p>	<p>*Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad (D) - Des Moines email: ako.abdul-samad@legis.iowa.gov phone: (515) 281-3221</p> <p>Wayne Ford - Former State Representative (Contact Information Provided)</p>
Kansas		

Kentucky	<p>SB 155 - Introduced and assigned to Committee on Committees (02/02/2021)</p> <p>2020 Session SB 97 died in committee (01/21/2020)</p> <p>2019 Session SB 45 died in committee (01/08/2019)</p>	<p>Sen. Gerald Neal (D) email: Gerald.Neal@irc.ky.gov home phone: (502) 775-1222 work phone: (502) 584-8500</p> <p>Sen. Reginald Thomas (D) email: Reginald.Thomas@irc.ky.gov phone: (502) 564-8100 ext. 608</p>
Louisiana		
Maine	<p>LD2 Introduced by Representative Rachel Talbot Ross – Committee voted with a Divided Report on 2/17/2021</p>	<p>Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross (D) - Portland email: Rachel.TalbotRoss@legislature.maine.gov phone: (207) 653-3953</p> <p>Rep. Craig Hickman (D) - Winthrop (not a co-sponsor, but supports the action) email: Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov phone: (207) 377-3276</p>
Maryland	<p>Enacted a Pilot Program in 2021 similar to that ran in Iowa and Maryland* 2019 HB 1016</p>	<p>Speaker of the House, Adrienne A. Jones (D) - Baltimore Co. email: adrienne.jones@house.state.md.us phone: (410) 655-3090</p> <p>President of the Senate, Bill Ferguson (D) - Baltimore Cty. email: bill.ferguson@senate.state.md.us phone: (410) 841-3600</p> <p>Del. Jazz Lewis (D) - Prince George's Co. email: jazz.lewis@house.state.md.us phone: (410) 841-3691</p>
Massachusetts		
Michigan	<p>2020 HB 6477</p>	<p>Rep. David LaGrand (D) email: davidlagrand@house.mi.gov phone: (517) 373-2668</p>
Minnesota	<p>2020 SF 108</p> <p>2007 - Sentencing Guidelines Commission drafts "demographic statements" on legislation, not a formal law</p>	<p>Senator Scott Dibble (D) - Minneapolis email: General email form phone: (651) 296-4191</p> <p>Senator John Marty (D) - St. Paul email: General email form phone: (651) 296-5645</p> <p>Senator Bobby Joe Champion (D) - Minneapolis email: sen.bobby.champion@senate.mn phone: (651) 296-9246</p> <p>Senator Karl Dzedzic (D) - Minneapolis email: General email form phone: (651) 296-7809</p>
Mississippi	<p>HR 11 Introduced by Karriem – Referred to Rules 1/18/2021</p> <p>2020 HR 22, HR 23 (died in committee)</p> <p>2019 HCR 51, HR 11 (died in committee)</p> <p>2018 HR 7 (died in committee)</p>	<p>Rep. Kabir Karriem (D) - Lowndes email: kkarriem@house.ms.gov capitol phone: (601) 359-3339 work phone: (662) 328-3063</p>
Missouri	<p>2009 HB 309 died in committee</p>	<p>Former State Senator Jamilah Nasheed (D) - St. Louis New contact information not available</p>
Montana		
Nebraska	<p>LB657 Introduced by Vargas, Cavanaugh, and McKinney – Committee Hearing 03/01/2021</p> <p>2019 LR 217</p> <p>2018 LR 458</p>	<p>Senator Tony Vargas (D) - Omaha email: tvargas@leg.ne.gov phone: (402) 471-2721</p> <p>Senator Machaela Cavanaugh (D) - Omaha email: mcavanaugh@leg.ne.gov phone: (402) 471-2714</p> <p>Senator Terrell McKinney (D) - Omaha email: tmckinney@leg.ne.gov phone: (402) 471-2612</p> <p>Senator Matt Hansen (D) - Lincoln email: mhansen@leg.ne.gov phone: (402) 471-2610</p>
Nevada		
New Hampshire		
New Jersey	<p>S.677 Introduced in the 2016 Session and Enacted in 2018</p>	<p>Senator Ronald Rice (D) email: general email intake form phone: (973) 371-5665</p> <p>Senator Shirley Turner (D) email: general email intake form phone: (609) 323-7239</p> <p>Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly (D) email: general email intake form phone: (973) 925-7061</p> <p>Senator Troy Singleton (D) email: general email intake form phone: (856) 234-2790</p> <p>Assemblyman Jamel Holley (D) email: general email intake form phone: (908) 327-9119 AND (908) 624-0880</p> <p>Assemblywoman Cleopatra Tucker (D) email: general email intake form phone: (973) 926-4320</p> <p>Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter (D) email: general email intake form phone: (973) 925-7063</p> <p>Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (D) email: general email intake form phone: (908) 327-9119 AND (908) 327-9119</p>
New Mexico	<p>SB 81 Introduced by Senator O'Neill and Rep. Stapleton - Passed Senate Finance Committee on 2/1</p> <p>AND</p> <p>SB 55 Introduced by Senator Soules - Passed Senate Finance Committee on 2/10</p> <p>2007 HJM 31 - Postponed indefinitely out of committee</p>	<p>Senator Bill O'Neill (D) - Bernalillo County email: onellis13@billoneillformn.com phone: (505) 450-9263</p> <p>Rep. Sheryl Stapleton (D) - Bernalillo County email: sheryl.stapleton@nmlegis.gov phone: (505) 265-6089</p> <p>Senator William Soules (D) - Doña Ana County email: bill.soules@nmlegis.gov phone: (575) 640-0409</p>

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New York	<p>A 4348 - Introduced by Assemblywoman Walker - Referred to Government Operations</p> <p>S 4745 - Introduced by Senator Parker - Referred to Investigations and Government Operations Committee</p> <p>2020 S4348 - Introduced by Senator Parker - died in Investigations and Government Operations Committee</p> <p>A342Z Companion Bill to S4348</p> <p>2020 S4388 - Racial and Ethnic Equity Act</p> <p>2017 S8703; A10949; S5921</p>	<p>Senator Kevin Parker (D) - Introduced 2021 and 2020 bills email: parker@nyassembly.gov phone: (718) 629-6401 and (518) 455-2580</p> <p>Assemblywoman Latrice Walker (D) - Introduced 2021 bill email: WalkerL@nyassembly.gov phone: (518) 455-4466 and (718) 342-1256</p> <p>Senator Luis Sepúlveda (D) - Introduced 2017 bill email: sepulveda@nyassembly.gov phone: (518) 455-2511 and (718) 991-3161 Legislative Director email: Anthony@nyassembly.gov Director of Operations email: royees@nyassembly.gov</p>
North Carolina		
North Dakota		
Ohio		
Oklahoma	<p>SB 209 Introduced by Young, First reading on 2/1/2021</p> <p>2020 SB 1184 (Died in Rules Committee)</p> <p>2019 SB 253 (Died in Rules Committee)</p>	<p>Senator George Young (D) - Oklahoma City email: George.Young@oksenate.gov phone: (405) 521-5531</p> <p>Rep. Emily Virgin (D) - Norman (Southern suburb of OKC) email: General email capture form on Bio page phone: (405) 557-7323</p>
Oregon	<p>SB 463 Enacted in the 2013 Regular Session</p>	<p>Rep. Joe Gallegos (D) - OUT OF OFFICE Senator Chip Shields (D) - OUT OF OFFICE</p> <p>**Senator Lew Frederick (D) - Portland (Succeeded Sen. Shields and was an original co-sponsor on the bill) email: Sen.LewFrederick@oregonlegislature.gov phone: (503) 986-1722</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>SB 79 - Introduced by Senator Hughes - Referred to State Government</p> <p>2020 SB 1197 - Died in State Government</p> <p>2017 SB 206 - Died in Judiciary</p> <p>2015 SB 424 - Died in Judiciary</p>	<p>Senator Vincent Hughes (D) email: hughes@psenate.com phone: (717) 787-7112</p>
Rhode Island		
South Carolina		
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
Washington	<p>HB 1264 - Introduced by Rep. Thai - Referred to Appropriations</p> <p>SB 5274 - Introduced by Senator Hasegawa - Referred to State Government & Elections</p> <p>2017 SB 5588 died in</p> <p>2016 HB 2376 Section 125 within Budget Bill has impact statement language (PDF in files)</p> <p>2016 HB 2076 died in State Government</p> <p>2015 SB 5752 died in Government Operations & Security</p>	<p>Rep. My-Linh Thai (D) email: my-linh.thai@leg.wa.gov phone: (206) 333-4107</p> <p>Rep. Gerry Pollet email: gerry.pollet@leg.wa.gov phone: (206) 307-0409</p> <p>Senator Bob Hasegawa (D) email: bob.hasegawa@leg.wa.gov phone: (360) 786-7616</p> <p>Senator Jeannie Darnelle (D) email: j.darnelle@leg.wa.gov phone: (360) 786-7652</p>
West Virginia		
Wisconsin	<p>2017 SB 151 - died in committee</p> <p>2013-2014 AB 752</p> <p>2-13-2014 SB 538</p>	<p>Senator Tim Carpenter (D) - Milwaukee email: Sen.Carpenter@legis.wisconsin.gov phone: (608) 266-8535</p> <p>Former Senator Nikiya Harris Dodd - No Contact Found</p> <p>Former Senator Sandy Pasch - No Contact Found</p>
Wyoming		
2021 Legislation		
2015-2020 Legislation		
2010-2014 Legislation		
2005-2009 Legislation		
No Proposed Legislation		