SENATE BILL NO. 136-SENATOR SCHEIBLE

Prefiled January 30, 2025

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 18-239)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; revising the number of meetings the Office of Minority Health and Equity within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs of the Department of Business and Industry and the Office for New Americans in the Office of the Governor are required to facilitate between diversity and inclusion liaisons and minority groups; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Office of Minority Health and Equity within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs of the Department of Business and Industry and the Office for New Americans in the Office of the Governor to study and work on issues affecting minorities and immigrants. (NRS 223.910, 232.474, 232.852, 232.860) Existing law also requires each state agency, to the extent practicable, to designate a diversity and inclusion liaison and sets forth the duties of such a liaison. (NRS 232.0085) Existing law further requires the Office of Minority Health and Equity, the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs and the Office for New Americans to collaborate to facilitate a meeting between diversity and inclusion liaisons and representatives of various minority groups at least once each year. (NRS 232.0087) This bill revises the required number of those meetings from one to three each year.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 232.0087 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 232.0087 1. At least [once] three times each year, the Office of Minority Health and Equity, the Commission on Minority Affairs and the Office for New Americans shall collaborate to facilitate a meeting between diversity and inclusion liaisons designated pursuant to NRS 232.0085 and representatives of various minority groups to make recommendations regarding and address:
- (a) Matters of mutual concern between state agencies and minority groups;
- (b) Opportunities to collaborate and increase the accessibility and inclusivity of services delivered to minority groups;
- (c) The need for state agencies to eliminate systemic racism and structures of racial discrimination within the State of Nevada; and
- (d) Strategies for ensuring that members of minority groups are able to access programs and services offered by the state agency and interact with the State Government.
- 2. On or before January 1 of each year, the Office of Minority Health and Equity, the Commission on Minority Affairs and the Office for New Americans shall collaborate on and submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Commission a report on the findings and recommendations from the [meeting] meetings required by subsection 1.
- **Sec. 2.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.
 - Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.





