



Legislation Text

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Substitute resolution relating to the creation of a Disparity Study Independent Review Committee. This resolution creates a 13-member Disparity Study Independent Review Committee to engage small-business community stakeholders in efforts relative to the upcoming Disparity Study to be conducted on behalf of the City.

Whereas, In 2010, an independent consultant, D. Wilson Consulting Group, LLC, conducted a community disparity study and found that a statistically significant disparity existed between the number of minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises that were ready and able to provide goods and services, including construction, to the City, and the number of those businesses that were providing such goods and services; and

Whereas, The consultant's recommendations for addressing that disparity were subsequently implemented through the creation of chapter 370 of the Code (Common Council File No. 110086); and

Whereas, The ordinance was challenged in court, in a lawsuit which claimed that the ordinance was based on a statistically-invalid disparity study, causing the City to repeal those portions of the ordinance that included race- or gender-based participation goals; and

Whereas, The Common Council desires that a new, more rigorously researched and executed community Disparity Study be conducted; and

Whereas, The Department of Administration - Purchasing Division has indicated that a request for proposals will be issued for the services of a consultant to conduct a Disparity Study; and

Whereas, To ensure that the terms of the Disparity Study request for proposals, and any actions taken to implement recommendations of the Disparity Study, reflect the perspectives, interests and desires of businesses, property owners, residents and other stakeholders of the city, it is essential that the City create an independent committee composed of individuals who are intimately familiar with the Milwaukee business community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that a Disparity Study Independent Review Committee is created; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Disparity Study Independent Review Committee shall consist of the following 13 members:

1. One member from the Common Council, to be selected by the Common Council President,

who shall be the chair of the Disparity Study Independent Review Committee.

2. One community representative with a background in business advocacy, to be selected by the Common Council President.
3. One member from the staff of the Office of the Common Council - City Clerk, to be selected by the Common Council President.
4. One member from a City department that is led by a mayoral appointee, to be selected by the Mayor.
5. The President of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, or his or her designee.
6. The President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, or his or her designee.
7. The President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, or his or her designee.
8. The President of the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, or his or her designee.
9. A representative from Milwaukee Public Schools.
10. The President of the National Association of Minority Contractors - Wisconsin Chapter, or his or her designee.
11. The President of the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, or his or her designee.
12. The President of the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Wisconsin, or his or her designee.
13. The President of the Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee, or his or her designee.

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Further Resolved, That the Disparity Study Independent Review Committee is directed to perform the following functions before and during the Disparity Study:

1. Review and provide input on a draft of the Disparity Study request for proposals prior to its issuance.
2. Act as the voice of the community, maintaining communication between the City and community groups, including gathering information on community concerns and recommendations.
3. Engage the community to ensure that it remains informed of the Disparity Study process.

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Further Resolved, That all City departments are directed to assist the Committee in carrying out its mission; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office shall staff the Committee.

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