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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Rouson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 38 - 71  
and insert:  
status, health outcomes, quality of health care, and access to health care services for racial and ethnic minority populations in this state.

(b) Develop mechanisms that support better information dissemination and education about health disparities which lead to improved access to and delivery of health care services for



11 racial and ethnic minority populations in this state.

12 (c) Support minority health liaisons by facilitating access  
13 to and the exchange of information related to health promotion,  
14 preventive health services, and education in the appropriate use  
15 of care.

16 (d) Develop and promote synergistic initiatives between  
17 programs, including, but not limited to, programs related to  
18 maternal and child health and human immunodeficiency virus and  
19 acquired immune deficiency syndrome, to mitigate health  
20 disparities for racial and ethnic minority populations in this  
21 state.

22 (e) Promote evaluations of demonstration projects and  
23 disseminate the evaluation findings to enhance the success and  
24 sustainability of policies, programs, and practices that  
25 increase health equity in this state.

26 (f) Promote the use of community health workers to improve  
27 the cultural competency of services and build individual and  
28 community self-sufficiency.

29 (g) Promote the development of programs that improve access  
30 to health care services for individuals with limited proficiency  
31 in the English language, including persons with disabilities.

32 (3) The department shall maintain all of the following on  
33 its

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36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Delete lines 12 - 15

38 and insert:

39 requiring the Department of Health to maintain



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40 specified information on its website; requiring the  
41 office to serve as a liaison to and assist certain  
42 federal offices; authorizing the department to adopt  
43 rules;