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03/13/2014	6215	Introduction and first reading Referred to State and Local Government
03/27/2014	6934a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

A bill for an act
relating to state government; creating a task force on establishing culturally and
linguistically accessible resources for Asian-Pacific women and their children
seeking independence from exploitative, abusive, and dangerous circumstances;
requiring a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTAN WOMEN PROTECTION AND
SUPPORT PROGRAM TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services and the
Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans shall appoint an advisory task force by June 1, 2014,
to research the existing system of support for Asian-Pacific Minnesotan women and their
children living in vulnerable and dangerous circumstances, the effectiveness of the system
in providing aid to Asian-Pacific Minnesotan women and their children, and any further
improvements of the system to ensure that culturally and linguistically accessible resources
are available and delivered to Asian-Pacific Minnesotan women and their children.

Subd. 2. Duties. The duties of the task force include:

(1) reviewing the state of Asian-Pacific Minnesotan women, especially those who
have limited English proficiency, are recent refugees or immigrants, and are in vulnerable
and dangerous circumstances;

(2) evaluating the effectiveness and accessibility of existing support programs for
Asian-Pacific Minnesotan women;

(3) building on those evaluation findings and recommending possible culturally and
linguistically accessible resources and programs for the women; and

(4) providing estimates of the funds needed for the resources and programs.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Report.** By December 19, 2015, the task force must submit its
2.2 recommendations to the commissioner of human services and the Council on Asian-Pacific
2.3 Minnesotans. By December 31, 2015, the commissioner and the Council on Asian-Pacific
2.4 Minnesotans shall report findings and recommendations to the house of representatives
2.5 and senate committees with subject matter jurisdiction.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Sunset.** The task force expires the day after submitting the report as
2.7 required in subdivision 3 or January 1, 2016, whichever is earlier.