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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; creating a working group on violence against Asian
1.3 women and children; requiring a report with findings and recommendations to
1.4 the legislature; appropriating money for the working group on violence against
1.5 Asian women and children.

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

1.7 Section 1. WORKING GROUP ON VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN WOMEN
1.8 AND CHILDREN.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioners of human services, health,
1.10 and public safety, and the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, in collaboration, shall
1.11 create a multidisciplinary team to address violence against Asian women and children by
1.12 July 1, 2015.

1.13 Subd. 2. The working group. The commissioners of human services, health, and
1.14 public safety, and the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, shall invite representatives
1.15 from the following groups to participate in the working group:

- 1.16 (1) advocates;
1.17 (2) survivors;
1.18 (3) service providers;
1.19 (4) community leaders;
1.20 (5) city and county attorneys;
1.21 (6) city officials;
1.22 (7) law enforcement; and
1.23 (8) health professionals.

1.24 Subd. 3. Duties. The working group must:

- 2.1 (1) study the nature, scope, and prevalence of violence against Asian women and
2.2 children in Minnesota, including domestic violence, trafficking, international abusive
2.3 marriage, stalking, sexual assault, and other violence;
- 2.4 (2) review the criminal justice system's responses to violence against Asian women;
2.5 (3) evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of existing support programs;
2.6 (4) conduct a needs assessment of culturally and linguistically appropriate programs
2.7 and interventions;
- 2.8 (5) identify barriers in delivering services to Asian women and children;
2.9 (6) identify promising prevention and intervention strategies in addressing violence
2.10 against Asian women and children;
- 2.11 (7) propose mechanisms to collect and monitor data on violence against Asian
2.12 women and children; and
- 2.13 (8) provide expenditure estimates for the programs, where they are available.

2.14 Subd. 4. **Report.** By January 1, 2017, the working group must submit
2.15 its recommendations and any legislative language necessary to implement those
2.16 recommendations to the commissioners of human services, health, and public health and
2.17 the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans. The Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans
2.18 shall submit a report of findings and recommendations with the chair and ranking minority
2.19 members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over
2.20 health and human services and public safety by February 15, 2017.

2.21 Subd. 5. **Sunset.** The working group on violence against Asian women and children
2.22 sunsets 60 days after the Council on Asian and Pacific Minnesotans submits the report
2.23 under subdivision 4.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.25 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.26 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.27 commissioner of human services for the working group on violence against Asian women
2.28 and children.