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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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132ND LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 274, L.D. 590, “An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Collection and analysis of racial and other demographic data; report. Upon request of a joint standing or joint select committee of the Legislature, to collect, assemble and analyze racial and other demographic data from state agencies related to legislation under consideration by the joint standing or joint select committee. Nonpartisan legislative staff shall compile the analyses provided pursuant to this subsection into a single report at the end of each regular or special session and distribute the report to each joint standing or joint select committee at the subsequent regular session of the Legislature. The report must include the number of requests, each legislative document for which the joint standing or joint select committee requested the data and the disposition of each legislative document;

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Establishes and appropriates funds for one limited-period Legislative Analyst position and related All Other costs in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to support the work of the office, including half-time during session, collecting, assembling and analyzing racial and other demographic data from state agencies related to legislation. This position ends June 19, 2027.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$136,940
All Other	\$0	\$7,500

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$144,440
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment directs nonpartisan legislative staff to collect, assemble and analyze racial and other demographic data provided by state agencies upon the request of a joint standing or joint select committee of the Legislature. The analyses must be compiled into a single report at the end of each regular or special session and the report must be distributed to each joint standing or joint select committee at the subsequent regular session of the Legislature. The report must include the number of requests, each legislative document for which the joint standing or joint select committee requested the data and the disposition of each legislative document.

The amendment also includes an appropriations and allocations section to establish one limited-period Legislative Analyst position in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to support the work of the office, including half-time during session, collecting, assembling and analyzing racial and other demographic data from state agencies related to legislation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)