

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 495, the delete everything amendment  
1.2 (H0495DE6), as follows:

1.3 Page 22, after line 28, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 2. **[3.853] JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DIVERSE ETHNIC**  
1.5 **AFFAIRS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The Joint Legislative Committee on Diverse Ethnic  
1.7 Affairs is created to study and investigate, in collaboration with the diverse ethnic  
1.8 councils specified in chapter 3, issues relating to the various diverse ethnic communities  
1.9 in Minnesota.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Powers.** The committee shall make a continuing study and investigation of  
1.11 the needs of diverse ethnic communities in Minnesota. At a minimum, the joint committee  
1.12 shall:

1.13 (1) study equity issues confronting diverse ethnic communities and recommend  
1.14 changes needed as a result of the study;

1.15 (2) establish and maintain a focus on the needs of diverse ethnic groups in the state;

1.16 (3) educate legislative members on the needs and issues confronting diverse ethnic  
1.17 groups;

1.18 (4) create and maintain, through the Legislative Reference Library, articles and  
1.19 information on issues confronting diverse ethnic groups and the laws and procedures in  
1.20 place in other states; and

1.21 (5) receive the report from the Task Force on Diverse Ethnic Councils and develop  
1.22 any legislative proposal necessary to implement recommendations from the task force.

1.23 Subd. 3. **Membership.** The committee consists of seven members of the senate  
1.24 appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and  
1.25 Administration and seven members of the house of representatives appointed by the  
1.26 speaker of the house. No more than five members from each chamber may be from the  
1.27 majority caucus in that chamber. Members shall be appointed at the commencement

2.1 of each regular session of the legislature for a two-year term beginning January 16 of  
 2.2 the first year of the regular session. Members continue to serve until their successors  
 2.3 are appointed. Vacancies that occur while the legislature is in session shall be filled  
 2.4 like regular appointments. If the legislature is not in session, senate vacancies shall be  
 2.5 filled by the last Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and  
 2.6 Administration or other appointing authority as designated by senate rules, and house of  
 2.7 representatives vacancies shall be filled by the last speaker of the house, or if the speaker  
 2.8 is not available, by the last chair of the house of representatives rules committee.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** The committee shall hold meetings at the times and places it  
 2.10 may designate.

2.11 Subd. 5. **Staff.** The committee may employ professional and technical assistants as  
 2.12 it deems necessary to perform its duties and may request information and assistance from  
 2.13 any state office, agency, or legislative staff to assist in carrying out the committee's duties.

2.14 Subd. 6. **Expenses; reimbursement.** The members of the committee and its staff  
 2.15 shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance  
 2.16 of the committee's duties. Reimbursement for expenses incurred shall be made in  
 2.17 accordance with policies adopted by the Legislative Coordinating Commission. Expenses  
 2.18 of the committee shall be approved by the chair or another member as the rules of the  
 2.19 committee provide."

2.20 Page 37, delete section 23

2.21 Page 102, delete section 116 and insert:

2.22 "Sec. 116. **TASK FORCE ON DIVERSE ETHNIC COUNCILS.**

2.23 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The legislature finds that the most effective change  
 2.24 occurs when the people involved in the change are encouraged to participate in making  
 2.25 the change. Therefore, the legislature shall support the establishment of the Task Force  
 2.26 on Diverse Ethnic Councils from members of the diverse ethnic communities and  
 2.27 members from state government to engage in collaborative dialog to analyze, identify,  
 2.28 and recommend changes for the three diverse ethnic councils under Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.29 sections 3.9223, 3.9225, and 3.9226. The task force shall be convened to study the existing  
 2.30 structure of each individual council and make recommendations on changes needed  
 2.31 to define the council's legislative role more clearly, and to define the council's role in  
 2.32 dealing with other state agencies. In addition, the task force shall analyze the role of each  
 2.33 individual council's community in setting priorities and determine the most effective way of  
 2.34 integrating the role of the ombudsman with the duties of each individual council. The task  
 2.35 force shall also look at the following objectives, among others determined by the task force:

- 3.1 (1) what structural changes are needed for each council to increase their impact  
 3.2 in their individual communities;  
 3.3 (2) what areas are appropriate for consolidation or joint effort by the councils;  
 3.4 (3) what changes are needed to support the council's efforts to eliminate disparities;  
 3.5 (4) what institutional changes are needed to support equity issues;  
 3.6 (5) whether any changes to the structure of the board would increase participation;  
 3.7 (6) whether any duties or responsibilities need to be specified; and  
 3.8 (7) what organizational support is needed from various state agencies and the  
 3.9 legislature.

3.10 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall be comprised of:

- 3.11 (1) three members from each of the three diverse ethnic councils specified in  
 3.12 subdivision 1;  
 3.13 (2) the executive directors of each diverse ethnic council specified in subdivision 1;  
 3.14 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees  
 3.15 of the Committee on Rules and Administration, one from the majority caucus and one  
 3.16 from the minority caucus;  
 3.17 (4) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
 3.18 house, one from the majority caucus and one from the minority caucus;  
 3.19 (5) one member from the governor's office;  
 3.20 (6) one member from the Department of Education; and  
 3.21 (7) one member from the Office of the Legislative Auditor.  
 3.22 (b) The first meeting of the task force shall be convened by the member from the  
 3.23 Office of the Legislative Auditor. The task force shall elect a chair at the first meeting.  
 3.24 The councils shall solicit membership on the task force from organizations serving diverse  
 3.25 ethnic groups in their community.

3.26 Subd. 3. **Report.** The task force shall make recommendations and issue a report to  
 3.27 the legislature by January 16, 2016, on any needed statutory changes.

3.28 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force expires after it issues its report with  
 3.29 recommendations to the legislature."

3.30 Page 103, delete section 118

3.31 Page 103, delete lines 23 and 24

3.32 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

3.33 Amend the title accordingly