

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5405

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As of February 9, 2021

**Title:** An act relating to racial equity analysis for the joint legislative audit and review committee work.

**Brief Description:** Instructing the joint legislative audit and review committee to perform racial equity analyses.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hasegawa, Conway, Lias, Nguyen, Saldaña and Wilson, C..

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State Government & Elections: 2/10/21.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to incorporate a racial equity analysis, or note if a racial equity analysis is not necessary or appropriate, in its performance audits, sunset reviews, and other audits or reports.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

**Staff:** Melissa Van Gorkom (786-7491)

**Background:** The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) has 16 members; eight senators and eight representatives, with four from each caucus of each chamber. The nonpartisan staff of JLARC conduct performance audits, program evaluations, sunset reviews, and other analyses assigned by the Legislature and JLARC itself.

**Summary of Bill:** JLARC must incorporate a racial equity analysis, or note if a racial equity analysis is not necessary or appropriate, in its performance audits, sunset reviews, and other audits or reports. JLARC may work with the Office of Equity and ethnic

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commissions to design the racial equity analysis.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.