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    By Senator Wilson, J.

NOT ADOPTED 02/10/2022

1   Beginning on page 6, line 22, strike all of section 6 and insert
2 the following:

3   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.03
4 RCW to read as follows:
5   (1) An agency exercising its authority to provide stipends under
6 RCW 43.03.220(2) must report to the Washington state office of equity
7 not later than August 30, 2023, and annually thereafter, as follows:
8   (a) A brief description of the groups for which stipends or
9 reimbursements have been made available;
10   (b) An accounting of the stipends or reimbursements provided and
11 reason why the individual qualified; and
12   (c) An analysis of whether and how the availability of stipends
13 or reimbursements has reduced barriers to participation and increased
14 the diversity of group participants.
15   (2) The Washington state office of equity shall:
16   (a) Compile and analyze the information received from agencies
17 under this section;
18   (b) Consult with stakeholder communities; and
19   (c) Prepare a report to the governor and legislature by August
20 30, 2024, and annually thereafter. The report must include an overall
21 evaluation of the stipend and reimbursement process authorized in RCW
22 43.03.220(2), recommendations for improving the process, and
23 recommendations to further decrease barriers to participation and
24 increase the diversity of group applicants."

    EFFECT: Requires agencies to report annually, rather than one
time, to the Office of Equity and include reimbursements, in addition
to stipends, that have been made available to individuals of class
one groups.
    Requires agencies to include the reason why the individual
qualified for the stipend or reimbursements in the annual report.
    Requires the Office of Equity report annually by August 30th to
the Governor and the Legislature, rather than one time and include

overall evaluations of the reimbursement process, in addition to the stipend process, authorized for class one groups.

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