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Committee approves ordinance requiring minority impact statements

At yesterday's (Wednesday, June 24) meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee, the committee recommended approval of file #190828 - a substitute ordinance relating to the preparation of minority impact statements. The file was introduced by **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey** and intends to assess the positive and negative impacts of Common Council legislation on minority groups. The file is co-sponsored by Alderman Russell W. Stamper II, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton.

"The City must continue actively working to make sure our most vulnerable populations are supported because that is what will make Milwaukee a better and stronger community for everyone," said Alderman Rainey. "This legislation creates additional safeguards to protect minority populations, who are often our most vulnerable, and helps establish more transparency in the legislative process. I want to thank my colleagues for their support of this file."

The ordinance, which would take effect on September 30, 2020, requires a minority impact statement be produced for every proposed Common Council resolution or ordinance involving; A development agreement; a grant; a city contract or action relating to direct or indirect interaction between the city and residents in the course of delivering resident services, implementing city policies or programs, or enforcing city ordinances; creation of, or change in, a penalty provision in the code. In addition, this ordinance provides that the chair of any standing committee may request a minority impact statement for any resolution or ordinance assigned to the committee. Certain exceptions are allowed.

The file will be before the full Common Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 7 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.