

## Legislators Introduce Speaker's Taskforce on Racial Disparities' Bills

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***Taskforce Co-Chairs hope we are one step closer to seeing meaningful reforms in our state.***

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**Madison, WI** –Representative Stubbs (D-77) and Representative Steineke (R-05), the Co-Chairs of the Speaker's Taskforce on Racial Disparities, introduced seven pieces of legislation that address the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Law Enforcement Policies and Standards. On these bills, Representative Stubbs issued the following statement:

“For seven months, the Speaker's Taskforce on Racial Disparities’ Subcommittee on Law Enforcement Policies and Standards has worked with community leaders, leaders in the faith community and experts in law enforcement to address the real issues in our policing system. I am very proud of the work we have done, and to see our recommendations reflected in policy”

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~~THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS INTRODUCED A SERIES OF BILLS TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING A TASKFORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS. THE BILLS WERE INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHEILIA STUBBS PRESS, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY. THE BILLS ARE PART OF A LARGER EFFORT TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH HAS BEEN A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE HOUSE IN RECENT YEARS. THE TASKFORCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE STUBBS PRESS AND WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM BOTH MAJORITY AND MINORITY PARTIES. THE TASKFORCE WILL HOLD HEARINGS AND CONDUCT RESEARCH TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSES OF RACIAL DISPARITIES AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS. THE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE AND WILL BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW. REPRESENTATIVE STUBBS PRESS SAID THAT THE BILLS WERE INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE MEMBERSHIP, WHO WANTED TO TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SHE SAID THAT THE BILLS WERE INTRODUCED AT THE START OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND WILL BE RECONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE. SHE SAID THAT SHE HOPES TO SEE THE BILLS PASS AND BE ENACTED INTO LAW. SHE SAID THAT SHE WILL BE WORKING TO BUILD A COALITION OF SUPPORTERS FOR THE BILLS AND WILL BE HOLDING HEARINGS AND CONDUCTING RESEARCH TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSES OF RACIAL DISPARITIES AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS. SHE SAID THAT SHE WILL BE WORKING TO BUILD A COALITION OF SUPPORTERS FOR THE BILLS AND WILL BE HOLDING HEARINGS AND CONDUCTING RESEARCH TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSES OF RACIAL DISPARITIES AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS.~~