

Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

EXPEDITED TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL 28-21:

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) anticipates Expedited Bill 28-21 will have a minimal impact on racial equity and social justice (RESJ) in the County.

PURPOSE OF RESJ IMPACT STATEMENT

The purpose of RESJ impact statements is to evaluate the anticipated impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice in the County. Racial equity and social justice refers to a process that focuses on centering the needs, power, and leadership of communities of color and low-income communities with a goal of eliminating racial and social inequities.¹ Achieving racial equity and social justice usually requires seeing, thinking, and working differently to address the racial and social harms that have caused racial and social inequities.²

PURPOSE OF EXPEDITED BILL 28-21

The County Council enacted Expedited Bill 28-21 on July 13, 2021. **An Expedited Act** to correct technical, typographical, grammatical, reference, and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying, and conforming amendments to, various provisions of County Law.

ANTICIPATED RESJ IMPACTS

OLO does not anticipate a racial equity and social justice impact for Expedited Bill 28-21 because the proposed technical corrections to County laws are unlikely to have a significant impact on RESJ in the County.

CAVEATS

Two caveats to this racial equity and social justice impact statement should be noted. First, predicting the impact of legislation on racial equity and social justice is a challenging, analytical endeavor due to data limitations, uncertainty, and other factors. Second, this RESJ impact statement is intended to inform the legislative process rather than determine whether the Council should enact legislation. Thus, any conclusion made in this statement does not represent OLO's endorsement of, or objection to, the bill under consideration.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

OLO staffer Dr. Theo Holt, Performance Management and Data Analyst, drafted this racial equity and social justice impact statement.

¹ Adopted from definition of racial equity described in the Racial Equity Policy Scorecard included in “Applying a Racial Equity Lens into Federal Nutrition Programs,” authored by Marlysa Gamblinni; see the Government Alliance for Race and Equity’s “Advancing Racial Equity and Transforming Government” resource guide for understanding the historical role of government in maintaining racial inequities https://racialequityalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/GARE-Resource_Guide.pdf

² Adopted from racial equity definition provided by Racial Equity Tools. <https://www.racialequitytools.org/glossary>