**Section 10.202 Evidence of Discrimination**

a) The Council shall receive, review and discuss any evidence regarding past or present racial, gender or disability-based discrimination that directly impacts State contracting at every regular meeting. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, written documentation or oral testimony regarding specific instances of such discrimination against MBEs, FBEs and PBEs.

b) The Department may commission disparity and utilization studies that may indicate, among other things, any quantitative effects of discrimination in specific industries and geographic locations. The Department shall forward a copy of its findings and recommendations to the Council.

c) The Secretary shall investigate and make recommendations to the Council concerning the use of the sheltered market process.

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