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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires state entities and other entities serving the public to address and eliminate the disproportionate environmental and human health impacts on communities of color, indigenous communities, and low-income communities.

Proposed law requires each state department, office, and agency to do both of the following:

- (1) Collect, maintain, and analyze information assessing and comparing environmental and human health risks borne by populations identified by race, national origin, or income.
- (2) Use the information collected to determine whether the programs, policies, and activities of the state entity have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on communities of color, indigenous communities, and low-income communities.

Proposed law provides that the collected data shall be public information, shall not include personally identifiable information or healthcare or medical information, and shall be publicly available by, at a minimum, posting on the website for the state entity.

Proposed law requires every water utility system in the state of La., whether public or privately owned or managed and whether above ground or under ground, to report before a joint meeting of the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the current status of the water utility system.

(Adds R.S. 40:1290.10-1290.12)