

California State Assembly Legislative Task Force on Diabetes and Obesity Overview

OBJECTIVE

To develop and recommended legislative proposals that are aimed at reducing the incidence of diabetes and obesity in Latinos, African-Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.

BACKGROUND

Last legislative session, the Tri-Caucus (African American, Asian Pacific Islander and Latino Caucuses) sponsored ACR 114, a measure that establishes a Legislative Task Force on Diabetes and Obesity. This task force is charged with studying the factors contributing to the high rates of diabetes and obesity in Latinos, African-Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans and preparing a report containing recommendations to reduce the incidence of those debilitating conditions in these ethnic groups.

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