

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 536 of 2008**

**37.131 Commission; duties.**

Sec. 11. The commission shall do all of the following:

- (a) Stimulate and encourage the study and review of the status of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.
- (b) Develop a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.
- (c) Advise the governor, the legislature, and the office concerning the coordination and administration of state programs serving Asian Pacific Americans.
- (d) Make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding changes in state programs, statutes, and policies.
- (e) Advise the governor and legislature of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the problems of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.
- (f) Review and advise the governor and the legislature on this state's policies concerning Asian Pacific American affairs.
- (g) Secure appropriate recognition of Asian Pacific American accomplishments and contributions to this state.
- (h) Review and approve the annual report by the office of Asian Pacific American affairs as described in section 15(j).
- (i) Make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding methods of overcoming discrimination against Asian Pacific Americans in public and private employment and civil and political rights.
- (j) Work to ensure equal access to all levels of education for Asian Pacific Americans.
- (k) Promote methods to ensure equal access to state services for Asian Pacific Americans.
- (l) Cooperate with and coordinate activities with the commission on Spanish-speaking affairs, the Michigan women's commission, and any other commission that deals with minority or ethnic affairs.
- (m) Monitor, evaluate, investigate, advocate, and initiate programs for the betterment of Asian Pacific Americans in this state.
- (n) Serve as a reporting agency for incidents of anti-Asian and anti-Pacific islander American harassment in this state.
- (o) Promote public awareness of Asian and Pacific islander cultures.

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