

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM

2014-2015 Legislative Session Summary

Issues of Special Concern to Women of Color:

- **Ethnic Councils**

- Changes to three of the state's ethnic councils: The Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs, The Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, and The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. The councils will remain in the executive branch but the executive director of each council will now be accountable to the legislative branch. The new law stipulates the composition of these councils (11 public, 4 legislators), mandating that at least 5 must be women (Omnibus State Government Finance Act, SF888).