

**421—40.5(216A) Functions of commissions.**

**40.5(1)** Commissions shall focus on achieving long-term economic, social and cultural equity for Iowans who identify with groups represented by the commission.

**40.5(2)** Biennial recommendations. To ascertain key needs and areas of focus, commissions shall provide insight and input regarding the changing needs of Iowans who identify with groups represented by the commission. This will be accomplished by assessing available data, participating in division-sponsored listening sessions or sponsoring additional listening sessions; and using this and other information to compile and present biennial policy and program recommendations to the department, board, legislature and governor by October 15 of each even-numbered year. The division shall compile all recommendations on behalf of the commissions into one document for presentation to the department, board, legislature and governor by November 15 of each even-numbered year. Commissions may offer more frequent recommendations with an affirmative vote of the majority of a commission.

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