

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 655**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session  
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Date: 3/16/11**Measure Description:**

Creates Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to represent immigrant and refugee interests in state.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Advocacy Commissions Office, Legislative Assembly, Governor

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<i>2011-13 Biennium</i>	<i>2013-15 Biennium</i>
General Fund	67,241	67,241
Other Funds	36,260	36,260
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$103,501</b>	<b>\$103,501</b>
Positions	1.0	1.0
FTE	0.50	0.50

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

SB 655 results in a fiscal impact to the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office and minimal fiscal impacts to both the Legislative Assembly and the Governor's Office.

The measure establishes the 11 member Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA). Nine of the members are to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are to appoint one member each to the commission from their respective chambers. The administrative support, member compensation and expense reimbursement for the commission would be provided by the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office with the exception that the member compensation and expense reimbursement of legislators appointed to the commission are to be paid by the Legislative Assembly.

The measure requires the Governor to appoint one member each from the CIRA to the Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters (OCHCI) and the Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF). The Governor's Office provides the administrative support for the EJTF and, unless the additional appointee is a legislator, pays the compensation of expense reimbursement of the task force members. The Governor's Office states that the fiscal impact resulting from the measure is minimal and will be absorbed in their existing budget authority. Members of the OCHCI are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and expenses at the discretion of the Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The OHA has stated that the fiscal impact resulting from the measure is minimal and will be absorbed in their existing budget authority.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) currently provides administrative support for four commissions with a staff of 2.00 FTE. The addition of the CIRA will require an additional 0.50 FTE office assistant position and associated costs as well as provisions for operational supplies, commissioner compensation and expense reimbursements. The added position will operate in a pool with the existing staff; providing administrative support services to all commissions.

The OACO is funded primarily through the General Fund, but also a small portion through Other Funds resulting from fund-raising activities of each commission throughout the biennium. Estimated personal services expenditures for the upcoming biennium are \$67,241 and services and supplies costs, including \$4,585 in commissioner compensation and expense reimbursements, are \$36,260.