## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant

Nays: 0

Exc.: Cameron

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/28, 5/3, 5/10

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Changes name of Commission on Asian Affairs to Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. Clarifies duties of Commission.

**MEASURE: SB 530 A** 

CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Functions of Commission
- Removal of "trade opportunities" from list of information to be compiled by Commission
- Definition of Pacific Islander
- Business Oregon role in compiling data on trade opportunities

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Restores trade opportunities available to Asians and Pacific Islanders as an issue on which the Commission is to compile information.

**BACKGROUND:** The Commission on Asian Affairs was formed in 1995 with the mission of working toward economic, social, political and legal equality for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Oregon. The Commission maintains a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting Asian Pacific Americans.

The Commission is composed of 11 members. Nine of those members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, one member is a senator appointed by the President of the Senate, and one member is a Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Commission on Asian Affairs is one of four such advocacy commissions in Oregon. The other three advocacy commissions are the Commission on Black Affairs (1980), the Commission on Hispanic Affairs (1983), and the Commission for Women (1964).