

Honorable Co-Chairs Elizabeth Steiner Hayward and Greg Smith of the Joint Ways & Means Sub Committee on General Government:

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to have testified before you last Monday regarding funding of the Oregon Advocacy Commission Office.

It must have been apparent to you by the answers you were receiving from OACO Administrator Lucy Baker things are not well at the Commissions. It was difficult for me to listen to the many untruthful and evasive answers being given by Ms. Baker. When I was an OCBA Commissioner she treated me in the very same way, refusing to answer questions directly. It would be unconscionable to allow her to continue wasting taxpayers money and refusing to account for her actions.

Again, why did DOJ services cost so much and what were these services? She refuses to produce these records, claiming they are protected client-privilege materials. There is no oversight of her work and she manages to manipulate her ways of irresponsibility. She even got the Governor to fire two Black Affairs Commissioners in an attempt to cover her misdeeds. These Commissioners were fired without cause or Due Process. This was all so sad, an example of the broken system.

Do not fund the OAC until all outstanding questions are answered and there is a complete accounting on how monies and administrative times are spent. It would also be good for you to read the reports filed with the DOJ by Taunie Murray of DAS. I suspect these reports are not factually correct regarding Commissioners Walker and Woolfolk, but they would be interesting for you to see. If you do decide to request these reports, I would appreciate you sharing them with me. I would like to check the reported facts for accuracy.

I found it necessary to file a Civil Rights complaint with BOLI with hopes of exposing the egregious and the seemingly racist practices of the OAC. Unfortunate, but it needed to be done. These practices should not be allowed to continue under the guise of Oregon State government.

Regards,
Clifford Walker