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Senate Committee, Gen'l Gov't, Consumer & Small Bus. Protection
Testimony in support of HB 2328
May 24, 2013, 8:00 am., Hearing Room B

Chair Shields, Vice Chair George, and Senators Baertschiger, Monnes Anderson and Prozanski:

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions are submitting testimony in support of HB 2328 which adds statutory language to the Oregon Advocacy Commissions, allowing them to meet jointly at least once annually and conduct business of mutual interest. We represent the:

- Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs
- Commission on Black Affairs
- Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Commission for Women

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions work in their individual communities and have individual viewpoints and actions that they regularly share with legislators, the Governor, and other state leaders and policy makers. They also work collaboratively on a number of strategic issues that they have in common, including disparities and gaps in healthcare and health outcomes, community safety and policing, education, affordable housing, and other fundamental supports for communities of color and women in Oregon. The Commissions regularly work together to craft a joint message and take collaborative action on these issues.

We believe that the ability to meet jointly and conduct action at least annually in the conduct of our statutory missions will strengthen the work of the Commissions while maintaining their individual voices and commitment to the communities we serve.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions urge the Committee members to positively consider HB 2328 and support it with your vote.

Sincerely,

Stephen Ying, Chair, OCAPIA

Andrea Cano, Chair, OCHA

Isaac Dixon, Chair, OCBA

Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, OCFW

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