

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, at the request of a legislative member, to prepare a statement on proposed legislation or measure's impact on racial and ethnic composition of criminal offender population or recipients of human services. Requires grants awarded to corporations or other legal entities by state agencies to include racial and ethnic impact statement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Includes impact to victims as well as criminals
- Cost to gather data
- Number of requests
- Experience of other states

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes grants awarded to individuals from the scope of the bill.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 463 A is patterned after legislation in Iowa. A national report by the Sentencing Project found Iowa had the highest rate of racial disparity among inmates of any state. The report found two percent of Iowa's population was black while 24 percent of its prison population was black. Four years ago, Iowa became the first state to pass legislation that would require state officials to examine the racial and ethnic impact of new criminal justice policies.

In 2011 the Senate Judiciary Committee passed Senate Bill 654 A out of committee and was in Ways and Means upon adjournment. The following statistics were provided to the committee:

The percentages are as follows for the Department of Corrections (DOC) and Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) compared to the percentage these populations comprise in the state:

	DOC	OYA	State
Asian:	1.3%	1.2%	2.0%
Black:	9.6%	10.5%	3.7%
Hispanic:	13.5%	23.8%	11.2%
American Indian:	2.4%	3.7%	2.4%
White:	72.9%	55.9%	72.9%

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