

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** George, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Shields  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Baertschiger  
**Prepared By:** Channa Newell, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Commission on Black Affairs, Commission for Women, and Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to meet jointly at least annually to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Support of Commissions for measure
- Strengthen mission and effectiveness of Commissions by requiring joint annual meeting

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) provides administrative support to the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs, the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs, and the Oregon Commission for Women. The OACO chief responsibility is supporting the statutory advocacy missions of the four Commissions to improve the economic, social, legal, and political equality of Oregon's Asian, Black, and Hispanic communities and for Oregon women. Currently, the four advocacy Commissions share an executive director and budget, and have an informal practice of meeting jointly to discuss shared goals, issues, and solutions. However, the four Commissions do not have the statutory authority to meet in a formal joint session and adopt goals, strategies, and solutions.

House Bill 2328 would require the four Commissions to meet annually in joint session.