

Enrolled House Bill 2328

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to advocacy commissions; amending ORS 185.330, 185.430, 185.540 and 185.620.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 185.330 is amended to read:

185.330. In carrying out the duties of ORS 185.310 to 185.330, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs shall:

- (1) Monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of the Hispanic population.
- (2) Identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the Hispanic community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs.
- (3) Maintain a liaison between the Hispanic community and government entities.
- (4) Encourage Hispanic representation on state boards and commissions.

(5) Meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, the Commission for Women and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

SECTION 2. ORS 185.430 is amended to read:

185.430. In carrying out the duties of ORS 185.410 to 185.430, the Commission on Black Affairs shall:

- (1) Monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of the black population.
- (2) Identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the black community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs.
- (3) Maintain a liaison between the black community and government entities.
- (4) Encourage black representation on state boards and commissions.

(5) Meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Black Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission for Women and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

SECTION 3. ORS 185.540 is amended to read:

185.540. The Commission for Women shall:

(1)(a) Analyze the legal status of women and men under the laws of Oregon relating to civil rights, contracts, income, property and the family in order to assure full equality and treatment under the law;

(b) Monitor the implementation of laws affecting the legal rights and duties of women; and

(c) Educate women about their legal rights and responsibilities under the law.

(2)(a) Work for equal opportunity and treatment for women in employment through an analysis of the employment policies and practices of employers, both public and private;

(b) Evaluate the development of methods to assure fuller employment options for women including nontraditional job opportunities, child care, job sharing and flextime and part-time employment; and

(c) Examine methods to develop greater employment opportunities and potentials for women with particular consideration for the needs of minority women, older women, rural women and displaced homemakers.

(3)(a) Evaluate the progress of providing equality of educational opportunities for women in Oregon as mandated by state and federal law;

(b) Assist efforts to inform women about nontraditional educational and employment opportunities; and

(c) Promote the elimination of sexist and racist barriers in the educational process, such as staffing patterns, teacher training, curriculum and textbook selection.

(4)(a) Encourage women to pursue a variety of roles in life, both in the community and in the family;

(b) Promote the full recognition of the contributions of women whether in the home, as volunteers in the community or in the labor market;

(c) Promote the valuation of work within the home at a level comparable with work outside the home; and

(d) Investigate family relationships which are detrimental to women and to the development of productive family life.

(5) Encourage and recommend women to serve on appointive boards and commissions and encourage them to seek elective office.

(6) Identify and address issues which may be unique to special categories of women including minority women, juvenile women, older women, rural women and displaced homemakers.

(7) Meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission for Women, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

SECTION 4. ORS 185.620 is amended to read:

185.620. (1) The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs shall:

(a) Identify barriers to the economic development and trade opportunities of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans within this state, and advise state agencies and officials on issues related to those barriers.

(b) Establish an Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Network to facilitate the work of the commission.

(c) Identify and examine the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state.

(d) Compile information relating to services available to Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state, including but not limited to education and training programs, work programs, dispute resolution programs, trade opportunities, housing programs, health programs, mental health programs including alcohol and drug services, and welfare programs from local, state and federal sources and through private agencies.

(e) Develop and sponsor programs in cooperation with Asian and Pacific Islander American groups and organizations to inform Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state of services available to them.

(f) Assess all programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies for the improvement of those programs.

(g) Serve as liaison to other state boards and commissions as required by law.

(h) Submit to the Governor at the beginning of each biennium a report that describes the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans identified under paragraph (c) of this subsection and that specifies the programs, projects and activities that the commission will undertake regarding those needs.

(i) Meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs and the Commission for Women to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

(2) As used in this section, "Asian and Pacific Islander American" means a resident of the United States who is of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry.

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