

Advocacy Commissions Office				
	2011-13 Actuals	2013-15 Leg. Approved*	2015-17 CSL LFO	2015-17 Governor's
General Fund	365,513	425,525	481,478	1,044,049
Other Funds	7,884	40,960	42,189	42,189
Total Funds	373,397	466,485	523,667	1,086,238
Positions	2	2	2	5
FTE	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00
* includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2014				

Program Description

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) was established in 2005 to provide administrative support to the Commission on Asian Affairs and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission for Women. The OACO has 2 sources of funding: General Fund and Other Funds from individual donations and Commission-sponsored fund raising events. In the 2015-17 biennium, the OACO is requesting increased GF to assist the Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OAC's) in growing their statutory work in advocacy, policy research and analysis, partnership and community engagement. The additional requested funds in the amount of \$562,625 GF would fund staff support for these functions.

CSL Summary and Issues

The Commissions have more than doubled the scope and amount of their legislative advocacy and policy research partnerships in the current biennium due to increases in the GF support for Commissioner travel in the 2013-15 biennium. The Commissions have been able to re-engage with their communities by traveling to meet individually with leaders in rural areas and by hosting Commission meetings outside the Portland/Salem area. This also has increased the ability of the OAC's and the OACO to connect with constituent communities, engage them in policy-related discussion and add depth to the work of the OAC's in advocacy and research. Many of the research partners are requesting additional projects with the Commissions which have resulted in a waiting list of policy projects and research expertise waiting for staff time to support. Additionally, Universities and Law Schools are now requesting policy research externships for their top students and departments with the Commissions. Finally the committee structure of the Commissions has grown, which has added 100 more meetings per biennium that need staff support and qualified expertise.

Policy Issues

POP 101 is to reclassify the existing Executive Support Specialist 1(1.0 FTE) position to Executive Support Specialist 2 (ESS 2)(1.0 FTE). Estimated impact is an increase from General Fund of \$5,895 for the biennium.

POP 102 is to permanently establish a 1.0 FTE Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (872) to increase and enhance policy and analysis support. Estimated impact is an increase from General Fund of \$217,585 for the biennium.

POP 103 is to permanently establish a 1.0 FTE Office Specialist 2 to allow the OACO to support the work of 10 new policy committees which have resulted from the evolution of the original Commissions. Estimated impact is an increase from General Fund of \$129,062 for the biennium.

POP 104 is to permanently establish a 1.0 FTE Public Affairs Specialist 2 (0865) to increase the engagement of the OAC's with their constituent communities and policy partners with focused, regular communication on the policy and advocacy work of the Advocacy Commissions. Estimated impact is an increase from General Fund of \$210,083 for the biennium.

Other Significant Issues and Background

No other significant issues have been identified in the Co-Chairs' budget framework for this agency.

Co-Chairs' Budget Framework Discussion

Absent an emergency, approval of all POP's is unlikely due to the significant impact to the agency's budget.