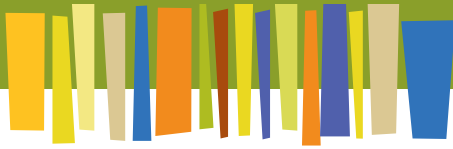


Advocacy



The Oregon Advocacy Commissions

(OACs) give underrepresented populations a voice in policymaking. We maintain an independent voice within state government, collaborating with the Governor, legislators and community partners on key equity issues and lifting lesser known but important policy areas into prominence with our advocacy. In the 2015 and 2016 sessions the OACs supported 45 bills with testimony and letters of support for hearings, 75% of which passed.

Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

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Commission on Black Affairs

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Commission on Hispanic Affairs

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Commission for Women

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Education

The primary strategic priority of each of the four Advocacy Commissions is addressing education disparities Pre-K through higher education and the trades.

2016

SB 1564*, English language learner granular data, Testimony (OCAPIA)

HB 4033*, Educators' equity act, Testimony (OCBA)



Housing and Stable Families

Housing and stable families are essential to thriving. Addressing disparities in foster care, hunger, homeless, housing displacement, and safety are key indicators.

2016

SB 1533A*, Inclusionary zoning, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

HB 4001, Tenant protections, Testimony (OCBA)



Environmental Justice

Equal protection from environmental and health hazards, and meaningful public participation in decisions that affect the environment in which people live.

2016

SB 1574, Healthy climate bill, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 4036*, Clean energy bill and community solar panels, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)



Jobs and the Economy

Policies that affect wage equity, jobs, careers, diverse workforce and leadership, small business, poverty, and attainment are part of the OAC's strategic priorities.

2016

SB 1532*, Raising the minimum wage, Testimony (OCBA/OCFW)

2015

SB 454A*, Employer sick time benefits, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

SB 491*, Pay equity in state contracts, Testimony (OCFW)



Health and Healthcare

OAC's strategic priorities include access to care, health coverage, culturally competent care, health education, and better health outcomes for all.

2016

HB 4017*, OHA Basic Health Plan, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA)

HB 4071*, COFA premium assistance, Supported (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

2015

SB 445, Public health info for marijuana sales, Testimony 1, Testimony 2 (OCFW)

SB 478*, Chemicals in children's toys, Testimony (OCFW)

* Indicates that bill passed



Justice, Safety and Policing

Overrepresentation in the justice system, hate/stalking protections, profiling, law enforcement and training, and corrections are essential issues for the OACs.

2016

SB 1571*, Testing of sexual assault evidence kits, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 4003*, Extend law enforcement profiling workgroup, Testimony (OCBA)

HB 4123, Relief from court fees, Testimony (OCBA)



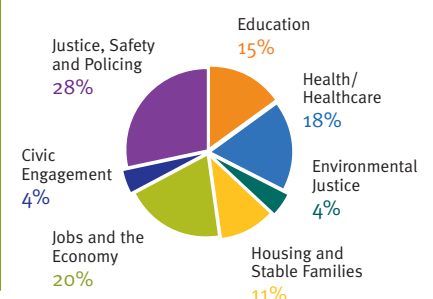
Civic Engagement

Being an active part of community, leadership, social/government institutions and accessing opportunities are key to success for all Oregonians.

2016

HB 4009*, Minoru Yasui Day, Testimony (OCAPIA)

OAC Supported Bills 2015–2016



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Education

2015

SB 187A*, Student data protection, OAC's Letter of Support (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

SB 215*, OEIB sunset, OAC's Invited Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

HB 2968*, Investment outcomes for students in poverty, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 3308A*, HECC group on disparities, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

Justice, Safety and Policing

2016 (continued)

HB 4128*, Immigration Consultant Fraud, Testimony and Floor letter (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

2015

SB 525A*, Restraining order firearm restriction, Testimony (OCFW)

SB 759A* Student sexual assault services, Testimony 1, Testimony2 (OCFW)

SB 822, Recording of grand jury proceedings, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA)

HB 2002*, CJC for profiling complaints, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

HB 2205*, Fund to end commercial exploitation of children for sex, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCHA/OCFW)

HB 2478*, Gender neutral statute wording for marriage, Testimony (OCHA)

HB 2704*, Recording of police officers, Testimony (OCBA)

HB 2776*, Protective orders for victims of domestic violence, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 3525*, Reporting immigrant consultant abuse, Testimony (OCAPIA) Testimony (OCHA) Testimony (OCHA Chair)

* Indicates that bill passed

** Accomplished through a budget note

Health/Healthcare

2015

HB 2522*, Health care for API COFA residents, Testimony (OCAPIA)

HB 2600*, Health coverage during leave, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 2934A*, OHA Basic Health Plan, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCFW)

HB 3517A*, Health coverage for all children, Testimony (OCHA)

Jobs and the Economy

2015

HB 2005, Employer sick time benefits, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

HB 2006, Wage equity requirements, Request for work session (OCFW)

HB 2007A*, Wage transparency, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 2010, Flexible work hours, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 2734*, Brownfield contamination remediation, Testimony (OCBA/OCHA)

HB 3304A*, Landscape certification in alternate formats, Testimony (OCHA)

Civic Engagement

2015 (continued)

HB 2177*, Motor Voter, Testimony (OCBA Chair)

Housing and Stable Families

2016 (continued)

HB 4143*, Tenant protections 90-day notice, Testimony (OCFW)

2015

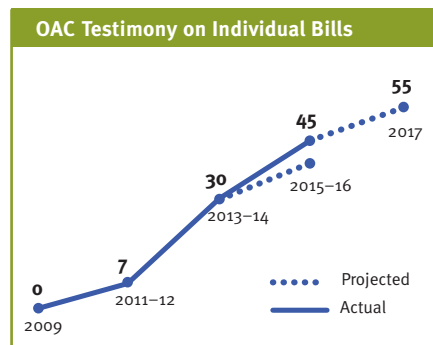
SB 492*, Use of sick leave for DV related needs, Testimony (OCFW)

SB 939**, Programs for children of incarcerated parents, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW), Testimony (OCBA Chair)

"The Advocacy Commissions serve an important role by weighing in with legislative testimony on issues of importance for their communities across Oregon. Their viewpoint contributes to legislators' understanding of key issues and raises awareness on lesser known, emerging issues." — Senator Rod Monroe

"Through the network and connections of OAC Commissioners, issues like immigration consultant fraud, paid sick time, and the ban on racial profiling by law enforcement officers have been made priorities for the legislature. The OAC's support and advocacy are critical to the progress that we have made in the legislature on creating policies representative of all Oregonians."

— Representative Vega Pederson



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