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Co-Chairs Wagner and Smith and Members of the Committee,

I want to submit a statement describing the collaborative and strategic partnership that exists between the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office and the State Library of Oregon. One of my roles at the State Library is serving as the embedded librarian for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, as well as for the Commissioners. They reach out to me for research support on the broad variety of policy issues that they study and advocate for.

Some examples of recent research that I've partnered with the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office with are:

- Home ownership trends among Asian Pacific Islanders, in collaboration with the Oregon Commission on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs
- Mental health access for Latinos in rural communities, in collaboration with the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Needs and available resources for immigrants and refugees entering the U.S. for the first time
- Data gathering for the Federal lawsuit around the Census asking for citizenship status, in collaboration with all four commissions and the Oregon Department of Justice

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office is avid user of the resources here at the State Library, and we have long enjoyed the close collaborative research relationship we share with this agency.

All the best,

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