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House Committee on Rules  
Testimony in Support of HB 2973  
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Chair Rep. Holvey, Vice-chairs House Democratic Leader Rep. Williamson and House Republican Leader Rep. Wilson, Rep. Boles, Rep. Nosse, Rep. Smith Warner, and Rep. Sprenger:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Chairs and members of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OACs) as we approach the legislature to increase the terms of service from three to four years for the Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA), Black Affairs (OCBA), Hispanic Affairs (OCHA), and Commission for Women (OCFW). One hundred fifty of Oregon's Boards and Commissions already have four year terms of service, for a number of reasons. For the OACs, it is often the case that three years is not sufficient for many who seek service on the Advocacy Commissions to pursue their passion and accomplish the work that brought them to the Commissions. Usually the first year of service is spent learning how the OAC Commissioners do their work and fully engage, leaving only two years to work to engage with their colleague commissioners and complete the work that brought them to serve.

We believe that four years terms, as many other Boards and Commissions have found, is a better fit for busy commission members, who want to devote one term of service, and make a significant contribution to the OACs' equity work at the policy level on behalf of their communities. Two consecutive terms of service would still be an allowable option for Commissioners wishing to request a second term.

Thank you for your positive consideration and allowing me to represent my colleagues.

Sincerely,

Robin Morris Collin, Commissioner, OCFW

Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura, OCAPIA Chair

Irma Linda Castillo, OCHA Chair

Jamal Fox, OCBA Chair

Dr. Barbara Spencer, OCFW Chair

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