

HB 2973 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Carrier: Sen. Riley

Action Date: 04/18/19
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Girod, Olsen, Riley
Exc: 1 - Hass
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases terms of office from three to four years for non-legislative members of Oregon's advocacy commissions. Applies to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of advocacy commissions in promoting political representation and equality for communities of color and women in Oregon
- Benefits of allowing non-legislative members to serve longer terms

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Five advocacy commissions have been established in the State of Oregon: the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission for Women, and the Oregon Disabilities Commission. The commissions provide policy advice, grow leadership, and strive to build success for their constituents. Four of the commissions are comprised of nine community members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and two legislators appointed by the Presiding Officers. The fifth, the Oregon Disabilities Commission, is housed within the Department of Human Services and consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

House Bill 2973 increases the terms of office for non-legislative commissioners from three years to four years, while retaining two-year terms for legislative members. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2020.