

SB 289 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the office of the Governor, in consultation with Racial Justice Council's Environmental Equity Committee, to conduct a study of laws related to environment, with a focus on potential policy changes that address environmental equity and to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly on results of study no later than September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Racial Justice Council was established by Governor Kate Brown. The Racial Justice Council is a compellation of 30-40 community leaders with: a demonstrated commitment to racial equity, social and economic justice, diversity and inclusion; connections to, or experience working with, historically underserved communities, particularly tribal communities, immigrants, refugees, Black, Indigenous and People of Color; or have personal and/or professional experience and knowledge in public policy, criminal justice reform, police accountability, economic opportunity, housing, homelessness, health equity, behavioral health, education or research/data. The Council is charged with: directing the collection of data from across sectors of society to support, data-driven policy decisions; providing principles and recommendations that center racial justice to the Governor to inform the '21-23 Governor's Recommended Budget and Tax Expenditures Report; and creating a Racial Justice Action Plan for six specific areas: criminal justice reform and police accountability, housing and homelessness, economic opportunity, health equity, environmental equity, education recovery.

Senate Bill 289 directs the office of the Governor, in consultation with the Racial Justice Council's Environmental Equity Committee, to study laws related to the environment and provide results to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.