

HB 2030 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies appointment of Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office administrator to chairpersons of advocacy commissions and Governor. Changes equal and equality to equity in advocacy commission statutes. Adds duty for advocacy commissions to assist Governor on equity-focused initiatives with policy advice, the study of long-standing community issues, and the provision of community input, a community voice, and leadership. Capitalizes "Black" in references to Black persons. Repeals statute allowing Commission for Women to enter into service contracts for the purpose of establishing and operating community child care program information and referral services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1983, the Legislative Assembly created the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA), Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA), and the Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW). The Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA) was created in 1995. Each commission is composed of 11 members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve four-year terms. The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House each appoint a member to serve a two-year term. The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office was established in 2005 to support the statutory work of the four commissions.

The mission of the OCBA is to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Oregon's African American and Black communities. The mission of the OCHA is to work toward economic, social, political, and legal equality for Oregon's Hispanic population. The mission of the OCFW is to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for women and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issue and needs confronting women and girls in Oregon. The mission of the OCAPIA is to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Asian and Pacific Islanders in Oregon and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting Asian and Pacific Islanders.

House Bill 2030 modifies provisions related to the advocacy commissions. The measure capitalizes "Black" in references to Black persons in the advocacy commission statutes and statutes on the use of the Statewide Education Initiatives Account (ORS 327.254) and the statewide education plan for students who are black or African-American or who are members of student group not covered by existing culturally specific plan (ORS 329.841).