

HB 2991 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office director, if requested by a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly, to prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement that describes the effects of a bill or proposed constitutional amendment on traditionally marginalized groups. Specifies content of racial and ethnic impact statement. Prohibits Senate, House, or joint committee from moving bill or proposed constitutional amendment to the floor of either chamber unless a racial and ethnic impact statement has been prepared by the director or by the chief sponsor. Requires a public hearing to consider ways to eliminate or mitigate the estimated negative impact on traditionally marginalized groups to be held at least 24 hours after the initial racial and ethnic impact statement that estimates a negative impact on one or more traditionally marginalized groups is made publicly available. Takes effect 91 days following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires an agency to include in a rulemaking notice a statement identifying how adoption of rule will affect racial equity in this state.

BACKGROUND:

Current statutes require the Legislative Fiscal Officer to prepare a fiscal impact statement and the Legislative Revenue Officer to prepare a revenue impact statement for each measure reported out of a committee of the Legislative Assembly that could have any effect on expenditures or revenues of the state or on the expenditures or revenues of local governmental units, including school districts (ORS 173.025).

The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2016 to: (1) prepare and provide legislative research for members and committees; (2) facilitate the development of legislative policy when requested; (3) provide advice and assistance to legislative committees; (4) provide clerical and administrative services to legislative committees; and, (5) provide research facilities and services to members and committees of the Legislative Assembly (ORS 173.635).

House Bill 2991 requires LPRO, if requested by a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly, to prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement to describe the effects of a bill or proposed constitutional amendment on traditionally marginalized groups prior to moving the bill or proposed constitutional amendment to the floor of either chamber.