

HB 2167 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Office of the Governor to study and make recommendations for state boards and commissions on payment of a per diem to members; provision of language access services and reimbursement for childcare during meetings; and permitting the appointing authority to disregard statutory membership requirements if requirements prevent an appointing authority from appointing members representing the diversity of Oregonians. Requires report to Legislative Assembly no later than January 1, 2023. Sunsets provisions on January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Discretion for appointing authorities as a solution for the lack of diversity
- Compensation for state board and commission members
- Relationship between Racial Justice Council and Oregon Advocacy Commissions
- Institutionalizing and formalizing the Racial Justice Council
- Hearing from all communities at the same time

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Governor makes appointments to over 250 boards and commissions connected to various policy and subject matter areas, including to policy-making boards that head major state agencies and departments. Oregon law (ORS 292.495) allows for the compensation of board or commission members who are not public employees for each day or portion of a day in which they spend time performing board or commission duties and the reimbursement of certain expenses when funds are available and not otherwise prohibited by statute.

House Bill 2167 requires the Governor's Office to study and make recommendations related to state boards and commissions, including compensation and expense reimbursement, language access services, and member representation.