HB 2030 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Governor rather than Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to work with chairpersons of Oregon Advocacy Commissions to determine qualifications for and appoint the administrator of Advocacy Commissions. Adds to duties of each Advocacy Commission requirement to assist the Governor on equity-focused initiatives if requested. Removes provisions pertaining to child-care program service contracts from statute on Commission for Women. Corrects capitalization in references to Black persons and replaces references to "equality" with "equity." Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Third reading. Carried by Salinas. Passed. Ayes, 33; Nays, 14--Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Cate, Drazan, Lewis, Moore-Green, Morgan, Owens, Post, Reschke, Smith DB, Weber, Witt, Wright; Excused, 12--Alonso Leon, Bonham, Clem, Dexter, Hayden, Leif, Levy, Nearman, Ruiz, Smith G, Wallan, Zika; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Williams.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly created the Oregon Advocacy Commissions in 1983. The Commissions initially included 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 eleven members, nine of which are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and two of which are legislators. The overall mission of the Advocacy Commissions is to work towards economic, social, legal, and political equality and to assess the issues and needs confronting their respective communities.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office was established in 2005 to support the work of the four Commissions. The administrator of the Advocacy Commissions Office is currently appointed by the chairpersons of each Commission and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

House Bill 2030 requires the Governor, rather than the BOLI Commissioner, to work with the Commissioners to appoint the administrator of the Advocacy Commissions. It expands the role of the Advocacy Commissions to include assisting the Governor with a focus on equity-based initiatives. The measure also corrects and updates statutory language, capitalizing "Black" in references to Black persons and replacing references to "equality" with "equity." Finally, it repeals ORS 185.560, which created authority within the Oregon Commission for Women to enter into service contracts for child-care programs.