

HB 2167 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/3, 6/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Racial Justice Council to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor relating to racial justice, which may include recommending changes to state policies, practices, budgets, and structures; creating action plans to promote racial justice; developing strategies to institutionalize racial justice into state business; establishing and maintaining communication between community leaders and Office of Governor; identifying areas of potential stakeholder collaboration; directing data collection; providing principles and recommendations to inform the Governor's budget and tax expenditure report; and monitoring progress on council recommended programs and investments. Specifies council membership requirements; sets member terms at two years; and allows reappointment. Authorizes Governor to assign members to serve as liaisons with advocacy commissions and to appoint members and nonmembers to serve on committees. Requires modified consensus for official action. Directs council to report at least once per year to Legislative Assembly, Secretary of State, Bureau of Labor and Industries, State Treasurer, and Attorney General on strategies to institutionalize racial justice into the conduct of state government and other matters pertinent to dismantling systemic and institutional racism. Requires each agency budget to include a racial impact statement, developed in consultation with council, describing the impact of programs, policies, and budget modifications on Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color, and requires summary of agency statements in Governor's budget.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the bill is covered in SB 5520, the budget bill for the Office of the Governor, which contains funding for the two support positions
- Potential for funding the support positions through Federal Funds or an assessment on state agencies in the future

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Governor Kate Brown convened the Racial Justice Council in 2020 to: (1) direct the collection of data from across sectors of society to support data-driven policy decisions; (2) provide principles and recommendations that center racial justice and inform the 2021-2023 Governor's Recommended Budget and Tax Expenditures Report; and (3) create a Racial Justice Action Plan for the criminal justice reform and police accountability, housing and homelessness, economic opportunity, health equity, environmental equity, and education recovery policy areas.

House Bill 2167 codifies the Racial Justice Council to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on strategies to institutionalize racial justice in the conduct of state government and requires each agency budget to include a racial impact statement, developed in consultation with the council, describing the impact of programs, policies, and budget modifications on Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color.