

# House Bill 2567

Sponsored by Representative HERNANDEZ (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Secretary of State to study and make recommendations regarding best practices for conducting audits related to equity issues. Requires Secretary of State to submit report on findings by July 1, 2021.

Requires Secretary of State, before December 31, 2021, to conduct performance audit that includes objective related to equity issues.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to audits; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall study and make recommendations regarding**  
5 **best practices for conducting performance audits of public bodies related to equity issues.**

6 **The study and recommendations must include:**

7 (a) **A survey of audits related to equity issues conducted at federal, state and local gov-**  
8 **ernmental levels in multiple states; and**

9 (b) **Recommended objectives and methods for audits related to equity issues.**

10 (2) **The department shall submit a report on its findings to an appropriate committee of**  
11 **the Legislative Assembly no later than July 1, 2021.**

12 (3) **As used in this section:**

13 (a) **"Equity issues" means issues pertaining to justice and fairness in social policy toward**  
14 **historically disadvantaged groups.**

15 (b) **"Performance audit" has the meaning given that term in ORS 297.070.**

16 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

17 **SECTION 3. (1) No later than December 31, 2021, the Secretary of State shall complete**  
18 **at least one performance audit that includes an objective related to equity issues.**

19 (2) **In consultation with the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Secretary of State**  
20 **shall determine a subject for the audit required under this section. The Secretary of State**  
21 **may consult with other legislative committees, as the Secretary of State deems necessary**  
22 **or advisable, to determine a subject under this subsection.**

23 (3) **The audit conducted under this section is not subject to ORS 297.076.**

24 (4) **As used in this section:**

25 (a) **"Equity issues" means issues pertaining to justice and fairness in social policy toward**  
26 **historically disadvantaged groups.**

27 (b) **"Performance audit" has the meaning given that term in ORS 297.070.**

28 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**  
29 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

