

# House Bill 2991

Sponsored by Representative SMITH WARNER (at the request of Reimagine Oregon)

## 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**.

Requires Legislative Policy and Research Director or chief sponsor of bill or proposed constitutional amendment to prepare racial and ethnic impact statement. Specifies contents of statement. Prohibits committees or joint committees from moving bill or proposed constitutional amendment to floor of Senate or House of Representatives unless racial and ethnic statement is prepared and made publicly available. Requires, if initial racial and ethnic impact statement estimates negative impact, committee to hold public hearing to consider ways to eliminate or mitigate estimated negative impact on traditionally marginalized groups.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to preparation of racial and ethnic impact statements; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "traditionally marginalized group" means a pop-**  
5 **ulation, community or group of members of the following:**

6 (a) **Women;**

7 (b) **Persons with disabilities;**

8 (c) **Blacks or African-Americans;**

9 (d) **Hispanic or Latinx persons;**

10 (e) **Asians or Pacific Islanders;**

11 (f) **American Indians; or**

12 (g) **Alaska Natives.**

13 (2) **When requested by a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly, the Legis-**  
14 **lative Policy and Research Director shall prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement that**  
15 **describes the effects of a bill or proposed constitutional amendment on traditionally**  
16 **marginalized groups.**

17 (3) **A racial and ethnic impact statement that meets the requirements of this section**  
18 **must be impartial, simple and understandable and must include, for racial and ethnic groups**  
19 **for which data are available, the following:**

20 (a) **An estimate of the extent to which the bill or proposed constitutional amendment**  
21 **would have a positive or negative disproportionate or unique impact on one or more tradi-**  
22 **tionally marginalized groups;**

23 (b) **A statement of the methodologies and assumptions used in preparing the estimate,**  
24 **including a description of any consultation with community-based organizations or persons**  
25 **with expertise in the impact of implicit or inherent bias on traditionally marginalized groups;**  
26 **and**

27 (c) **An estimate of the racial and ethnic composition of persons who may be affected by**  
28 **the bill or proposed constitutional amendment.**

**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.

1       (4) A Senate or a House committee, or a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly,  
2 may not move a bill or proposed constitutional amendment to the floor of either chamber  
3 unless a racial and ethnic impact statement that meets the requirements of subsection (3)  
4 of this section has been prepared by the director or by the chief sponsor of the bill or pro-  
5 posed constitutional amendment.

6       (5) If an initial racial and ethnic impact statement is prepared under this section that  
7 estimates a negative impact on one or more traditionally marginalized groups, a Senate or  
8 a House committee, or a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly, may not move a bill  
9 or proposed constitutional amendment to the floor of either chamber without first holding  
10 a public hearing:

11       (a) The public notice for which is issued at least 24 hours after the initial racial and  
12 ethnic impact statement was made publicly available; and

13       (b) At which the committee considers ways to eliminate or mitigate the estimated nega-  
14 tive impact on traditionally marginalized groups.

15       SECTION 2. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021  
16 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.