

HB 4107 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Legislative Policy and Research Director to study use of impact statements in legislative deliberations and report findings to the Legislative Policy and Research Committee on or before February 1, 2023. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2016 to: (1) prepare and provide legislative research for members and committees; (2) facilitate the development of legislative policy when requested; (3) provide advice and assistance to legislative committees; (4) provide clerical and administrative services to legislative committees; and, (5) provide research facilities and services to members and committees of the Legislative Assembly (ORS 173.635).

Four types of impact statements related to legislative deliberations are currently defined in Oregon statutes.

- The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission must prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement for a state measure or proposed legislation related to crime and likely to have an effect on the criminal justice system when requested by one member of the Legislative Assembly from each major political party (ORS 137.683 and 137.685).
- The Legislative Fiscal Officer must prepare a fiscal impact statement and the Legislative Revenue Officer a revenue impact statement for each measure reported out of a committee of the Legislative Assembly that could have any effect on expenditures or revenues of the state or on the expenditures or revenues of local governmental units, including school districts (ORS 173.025). Additional requirements for fiscal impact statements exist for measures that create a new crime, increase the period of incarceration for an existing crime, or modify sentencing or state corrections policies, or that increase employer contributions under the Public Employees Retirement System (ORS 173.029 and 173.051).
- Legislative Counsel must prepare an open government impact statement for each measure reported out of a committee of the Legislative Assembly if the measure affects the disclosure, or exemption from disclosure, of a public record (ORS 192.488).

House Bill 4107 directs LPRO to study use of impact statements in legislative deliberations and report findings by February 1, 2023.