

HB 3313 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Commission on Black Affairs, Commission for Women, and Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to each employ at least one paid intern. Appropriates General Fund moneys to Office for purpose of employing interns. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1983, the Legislative Assembly created 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 11 members, nine of whom are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve four-year terms. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House also each appoint a legislator to serve a two-year term. With some variation, the overall mission of the advocacy commissions is to work towards economic, social, legal, and political equality; to assess the issues and needs confronting their respective communities; and assisting the Governor with a focus on equity-based initiatives.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (Office) was established in 2005 to support the work of the four commissions. The administrator of the Office is appointed by the chairpersons of each commission and the Governor.

House Bill 3313 requires the Office and the four commissions to each employ at least one paid intern and provides funding for the employment of the interns.