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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to create, upon request of member of Legislative Assembly, racial and ethnic impact statement for proposed legislation or state measure.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Secretary of State, Department of Administrative Services

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), at the request of a member of the Legislative Assembly, to create a racial and ethnic impact statement on proposed legislation or initiative measures that affect the racial and ethnic composition of the criminal justice offender population or the recipients of human services. The measure requires the CJC to file a statement on a ballot measure with the Secretary of State (SOS) for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet. The measure also requires that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) creates a racial and ethnic impact statement form with certain required information for state agencies to use with applications for grants to be awarded.

The fiscal impact to CJC is indeterminate. The number of requests for racial and ethnic impact statements for proposed legislation or ballot initiates is unknown. Depending on the number of requests received and the scope of any necessary research, the legislature may need to review staffing requirements in the future should this legislation pass.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to DAS for creation of the forms for grant applications and to Secretary of State for inclusion of these statements in voters' pamphlet and enhancement to the Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting system.