

**HB 2973 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Alonso Leon

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 03/11/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 6-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Boles, Holvey, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Williamson, Wilson

**Exc:** 1 - Nosse

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases terms of office, from three to four years, for non-legislative members of Oregon's Advocacy Commissions.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Value provided by Oregon Advocacy Commissions
- Experienced commissioners developing policy recommendations

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Five advocacy commissions have been established in the State of Oregon: the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission for Women and the Oregon Disabilities Commission. The commissions provide policy advice, grow leadership and strive to build success for their constituents. Four of the commissions are comprised of nine community members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and two legislators appointed by the Presiding Officers. The fifth, the Oregon Disabilities Commission, is housed within the Department of Human Services and consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

House Bill 2973 increases the terms of office for non-legislative commissioners from three years to four years, while retaining two-year terms for legislative members. House Bill 2973 takes effect on January 1, 2020.