

HB 2167 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Office of the Governor to study and make recommendations for state boards and commissions on payment of a per diem to members; provision of language access services and reimbursement for childcare during meetings; and permitting the appointing authority to disregard statutory membership requirements if requirements prevent an appointing authority from appointing members representing the diversity of Oregonians. Requires report to Legislative Assembly no later than January 1, 2023. Sunsets provisions on January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Discretion for appointing authorities as a solution for the lack of diversity
- Compensation for state board and commission members
- Relationship between Racial Justice Council and Oregon Advocacy Commissions
- Institutionalizing and formalizing the Racial Justice Council
- Hearing from all communities at the same time

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Establishes Racial Justice Council to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor relating to racial justice, which may include recommending changes to state policies, practices, budgets, and structures; creating action plans to promote racial justice; developing strategies to institutionalize racial justice into state business; establishing and maintaining communication between community leaders and Office of Governor; identifying areas of potential stakeholder collaboration; directing data collection; providing principles and recommendations to inform the Governor's budget and tax expenditure report; and monitoring progress on council recommended programs and investments. Defines council membership requirements. Allows Governor to assign members to serve as liaisons with advocacy commissions and to establish committees and appoint members and nonmembers to serve on those committees. Sets members terms at two years and allows reappointment. Exempts members from compensation but allows reimbursement of travel or other expenses. Requires modified consensus for official action. Requires council to report at least once per year to Legislative Assembly, Secretary of State, Bureau of Labor and Industries, State Treasurer, and Attorney General on strategies to institutionalize racial justice into the conduct of state government and other matters pertinent to dismantling system and institutional racism. Requires each agency budget to include a racial impact statement, developed in consultation with council, describing the impact of programs, policies, and budget modifications on Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color. Requires Governor's budget to include summary of agency racial impact statements.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

The Governor makes appointments to over 250 boards and commissions connected to various policy and subject matter areas, including to policy-making boards that head major state agencies and departments. Oregon law (ORS 292.495) allows for the compensation of board or commission members who are not public employees for each day or portion of a day in which they spend time performing board or commission duties and the

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reimbursement of certain expenses when funds are available and not otherwise prohibited by statute.

House Bill 2167 requires the Governor's Office to study and make recommendations related to state boards and commissions, including compensation and expense reimbursement, language access services, and member representation.