

HB 2030 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Salinas

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/23/21
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 4-2-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Fahey, Holvey, Salinas, Smith Warner
Nays: 2 - Bonham, Drazan
Exc: 1 - Zika
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes the Governor and chairpersons of each advocacy commission responsible for appointment of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office administrator. Adds duty for advocacy commissions to assist Governor, as requested, with equity-focused initiatives, policy advice, the study of long-standing community issues, and the provision of community input, a community voice, and leadership. Removes authority of Commission for Women to enter into service contracts for the purpose of establishing and operating community child care program information and referral services. Corrects capitalization in references to Black persons and replaces references to "equality" with "equity." Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Updating statutory language
- Role of Commission for Women related to child care and the evolution of child care issues

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 and to assess the issues and needs confronting their respective communities.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office was established in 2005 to support the work of the four commissions. The administrator of the Advocacy Commissions Office is currently appointed by the chairpersons of each commission and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

House Bill 2030 makes the Governor, rather than the BOLI Commissioner, responsible for appointment of the Advocacy Commissions Office administrator and expands the role of the advocacy commissions to include assisting the Governor with focus on equity-based initiatives. The measure also corrects and updates statutory language, capitalizing "Black" in references to Black persons and replacing references to "equality" with "equity."