

HR 6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Salinas

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/24/21
Action: Be Adopted.
Vote: 4-3-0-0
Yeas: 4 - Fahey, Holvey, Salinas, Smith Warner
Nays: 3 - Bonham, Drazan, Zika
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares that racism is a public health crisis in this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Same provisions as in House Bill 2337 (2021)
- Racial equity in health care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the American Public Health Association (APHA), 209 county, state, and local leaders have declared racism as a public health crisis or emergency as a step to advance racial equity and justice in the allocation of resources and strategic action. This list includes declarations made by the Hawaii State Legislature, Minnesota House of Representatives, and Virginia General Assembly. In Oregon, both the Multnomah and Lane Boards of County Commissioners have declared racism as a public health crisis. Additionally, both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and American Medical Association (AMA) have declared racism as a “public health threat.”

House Resolution 6 declares racism to be a public health crisis in this state.