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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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March 2, 2021

Representative Barbara Smith Warner, Chair  
House Rules Committee  
900 Court St. NE, HR 170  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Smith Warner and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland strongly supports HB 2991 with the -1 amendment to establish requirements for racial and ethnic impact statements for proposed legislation and state agency rulemaking. The bill requires racial impact statements from bill sponsors to analyze potential impacts to BIPOC communities. The amendment will require an analysis of racial equity impacts as part of agency rulemaking.

The City of Portland is advocating for anti-racist public policy and budget allocations that advance equitable outcomes for Oregonians. The City recognizes and acknowledges the impacts of policy and budget decisions that lead to inequitable outcomes and is actively engaged in evaluating and challenging its own practices, while advocating for the state government to require racial impact statements for all legislative bills to analyze potential impacts to BIPOC communities, in alignment with the Reimagine Oregon Project initiative.

Equitable policies lead to equitable outcomes. Racial impact statements are an important step in ensuring equity for all Oregonians by creating a tool to evaluate disparities before a bill is adopted and craft policies that repair past harms. We respectfully urge your support of HB 2991 with the -1 amendment and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler  
Mayor

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