

I am writing to ask that you increase the budget for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to adequately support the Advocacy Commissions on Black Affairs, API Affairs, Hispanic Affairs, and the Commission for Women. This is one of the smallest agencies asked to handle administrative needs for several commissions. This is a very modest ask of an increase of 1.5 FTE at a time when focusing on these underrepresented communities is extremely important. Because these are volunteer commissioners it is even more important that they have some paid administrative support. There has always been a need for the OAC's work but this last year has demonstrated how important it is. Please support this minor budgetary increase of this very important office, understanding it really provides support for all Oregonians by creating equity across the board.