

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office is a must have in our state and cities. As a person of color, this is one of the best ways to have our voices heard for more equitable changes. I am writing this testimony to express my support for this bill that will allow the OACO to do their job more efficiently. There are many things that need to be done in the underserved communities, specially during this pandemic. I have seen many people lost their jobs and businesses. The heartbreaking part is knowing that many of those people will never be able to get their jobs or businesses back. it is hard to see someone lose something they have worked really hard on to get. I want to thank Gov Kate Brown for her leadership and also Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler for always standing up to defend good causes. I want to also point out that we should all work together during these difficult times to make positive changes. To all Oregon elected official leaders, I urge and challenge you to do something so that this bill can pass because it affects the same community that you swore under oath to protect and defend. I challenge you all leaders to be part of the good side of history because you will always be remembered for what you have done.