

**To: House Rules Committee**  
**From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon**  
**Re: HB 4107-1, Racial Impact Statements**  
**Date: Feb 15, 2022**

**Common Cause**

Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are over 1.5 million Americans – including roughly 30,000 Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

**Support for HB 4107-1**

We all want a more equitable Oregon. We know we can and must do better to overcome a deeply entrenched legacy of race-based inequity that none of us asked for but that all of us help perpetuate. Common Cause supports the Oregon Legislature's use of racial impact statements, to empower smarter and more equitable policy making.

The dash 1 amendment lays out a thoughtful tiered plan for introducing and implementing the use of this important tool. We fully support the bill, as amended.

We appreciate Reimagine Oregon's leadership and Rep. Smith Warner's responsiveness to put forth this fundamentally important proposal.

**We urge the committee to support this bill.**