

SB 911 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates Commission for Original Peoples from South America, Central America and Mexico to work for implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equity for individuals in Oregon who identify as Indigenous or Original Peoples, and speakers of Indigenous or Original languages, from South American, Central America, and Mexico. Prescribes membership and duties of commission. Allows Governor to assign member of Racial Justice Council as liaison with commission. Expands membership of Environmental Justice Council and allows commission to provide nominee for appointment. Directs Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to provide administrative oversight to commission and appropriates funds for support. Requires Department of Education to consult with commission in development of certain academic content. Specifies original terms of appointees to commission. Becomes operative on January 1, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Advocacy Commission Office (ORS 185.005) provides administrative support to the four advocacy commissions, which are: the Commission on Hispanic Affairs (ORS 185.310 through 185.330), the Commission on Black Affairs (ORS 185.410 through 185.430), the Commission for Women (ORS 185.510 through 185.550), and the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (ORS 185.610 through 185.625). Generally, the policy and legislative intent for these advocacy commissions is to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equity for the populations they represent.

Senate Bill 911 creates the Commission for Original Peoples from South America, Central America and Mexico to work for implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equity for individuals in Oregon who identify as Indigenous or Original Peoples, and speakers of Indigenous or Original languages, from South American, Central America, and Mexico.