

## 2025-27 Budget Review

### Advocacy Commissions Office

	2021-23 Actual	2023-25 Legislatively Approved *	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Governor's Budget
General Fund	1,692,591	2,238,291	1,685,008	2,101,205
Other Funds	9,841	10,253	10,685	25,432
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1,702,432</b>	<b>2,248,544</b>	<b>1,695,693</b>	<b>2,126,637</b>
Positions	4	7	4	7
FTE	4.00	7.00	4.00	5.50

\* Includes legislative and administrative actions through December 2024.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) was established in 2005 to provide coordinated administrative support to four advocacy commissions: (1) Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, (2) Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, (3) Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs, and (4) Oregon Commission for Women. The Commissions serve as liaisons between minority communities and government entities and work to establish economic, social, legal, and political equality in Oregon. OACO provides equity-focused policy research and analysis, staffs Commission meetings, coordinates the legislative advocacy of the Commissions, and develops and manages collaborations with community stakeholders, policy makers and formal research partners on behalf of the Commissions.

Each Commission includes nine commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and two Legislators appointed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House. The four Commissions have 11 members each, for a combined total of 44 members. The Administrator of OACO is appointed by the chairpersons of the four Commissions and the Governor.

### BUDGET ENVIRONMENT

HB 4052 (2022) required OACO to form affinity group task forces to develop recommendations on health equity programs for people of color, indigenous communities, and members of recognized tribes across state government. HB 2925 (2023) extended the sunset of the affinity group task forces and requires OACO to report the final recommendations to the Legislature by June 30, 2026.

## CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL

The 2025-27 current service level (CSL) budget of \$1.7 million is \$552,851, or 24.6%, less than the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget of \$2.3 million. The decrease is attributable to the phase-out of three limited duration positions and associated costs related to work performed under HB 2925 (2023). Additionally, CSL includes growth in personal services and standard inflation adjustments.

## GOVERNOR'S BUDGET SUMMARY

The 2025-27 Governor's budget totals \$2.1 million General Fund and \$25,432 Other Funds, an increase of \$430,944 total funds, or 25.4% from CSL. This increase includes three limited duration positions (1.50 FTE) and an increase of \$413,257 General Fund to meet the reporting requirements of HB 2925 (2023).

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

OACO has recently undergone a complete turnover in staff which has led to changes within the agency, including the agency's first real effort in strategic planning, improvements to internal processes, and ongoing work to prioritize agency efforts and ensure commissioners are equipped to fulfill their responsibilities. A new Administrator was appointed September 2024, and the agency plans to revise their Key Performance Measures during the 2025-27 biennium.

## KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A copy of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office Annual Performance Progress Report can be found on the LFO website:

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPRProposed\\_OACO.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPRProposed_OACO.pdf)

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