



OREGON COMMISSION ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

2014 Report



Our Mission

The Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs shall work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Asian Pacific Americans in this state and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting Asian Pacific Americans.



Population Outlook



- 2000 census - Asian Pacific Americans fastest-growing racial group in the United States, increasing from 6.9 million in 1990 to 10.2 million in 2000.
- APAs comprise 4.2 percent of the population nationwide and 3.9 percent of the population in Oregon
- APAs projected to reach 11 percent (51.6 million) by 2070. This population growth exceeds any other race group in the United States.
- 2010 Census - Oregon's Asian population grew by 44,000. Much of that population is concentrated in Washington County, particularly in Beaverton. Oregon's green economy and technologies such as solar power are drawing Chinese and Korean immigrants. Oregon's high-tech industry has brought Indian immigrants, and the many Vietnamese who settled here attracted others.





Who Are We

The Commission strives to recruit commissioners that represent diverse ethnic, geographic and professional backgrounds. The Commission currently has representatives from the Chinese, Japanese, Pacific Islander, Malaysian, Cambodian, and Filipino communities. Commissioners bring different immigrant and refugee backgrounds as well as represent professional backgrounds, from both public and private sectors, and from the legal, medical, educational, business and government fields. Individual commissioners also have ties to a variety of community-based organizations.

Stephen Ying - Portland (Chair)

Mari Watanabe - Portland (Vice Chair)

Michelle Vlach-Ing - Salem

Jennifer Kleskie - Portland

Ping Khaw-Sutherland - Portland

Joseph Santos-Lyons - Portland

Kathleen Jonathan - Salem

Representative Gene Whisnant - Sunriver, District 53

Senator Michael Dembrow - Portland, District 23



2013 legislative session



Bill testimony and legislative support

Education

- HB 3409A: Special Certificate for Natural Hair Care. **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed.
- SB 739: ODE Consultation on Oregon History. **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed.
- SB 755: Minority Teachers Act. **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed
- OEIB invited testimony: Use of an Equity Lens for education policy. **4 OAC's** Testimony. Approved.

Jobs and the Economy

- HB 2212: Small State Procurement Contracting: **OCAPIA, OCHA** Testimony. Passed.



2013 legislative session (cont.)

Health/Healthcare

- HB 2661: Culturally Competent Care. **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed.
- HB 2134/2134A: Collection of Health Data by Race, Ethnicity. **OCAPIA** Testimony. Passed.

Justice, Safety and Policing

- HB 2661A: Study on Public Safety Disparities: **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed
- HB 2668: Public Accommodations on Public Property: **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed
- HB 2669: Intern Protections at Work: **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed.
- HB 3480: Civil Protections for Bias Crime: **OACPIA, OCBA, OCFW** testimony.
- SB 560: End Racial Profiling: **OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA** Testimony.
- SB 833: Short-Term Driver License. **4 OAC's** Testimony. Passed.



2014 legislative session

Education

- HB 4116A, Community Colleges to Offer 2-Year Scholarships. PASSED
(OCAPIA/OCBA)
- The Importance of Equity in the School Funding Formula
(OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

Health/Healthcare

- SB 1569A, OHA to Establish a List of Chemicals Harmful to Children
(OCAPIA/OCBA/OCFW)

Justice, Safety and Policing

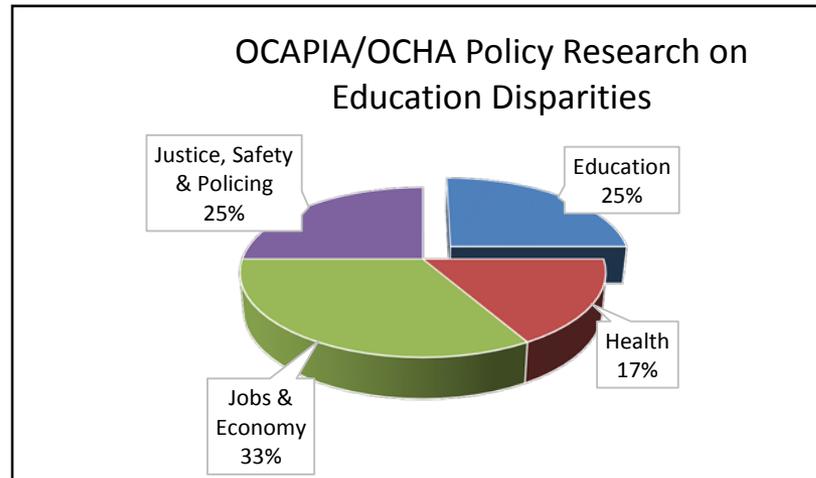
- SB 4054A, Renaming Ballot Measure for Short-Term Drivers Card
(OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)



OCAPIA PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

OCAPIA has two policy research projects in which it is collaborating with other Advocacy Commissions and agency partners:

- Human Trafficking: Commercial Exploitation of Children for Sex. Partners: OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW, US Attorney's Office, Governor's Office on Public Safety
- Education disparities issue briefing papers in seven areas: ELL, disproportionate discipline, parent engagement, diverse staff, and others. Partners: OCHA, OCAPIA collaborating, OEIB, Governor's Office.



Testimony and Policy Support, 2013-14



OCAPIA Testimony Submitted 2013-2014

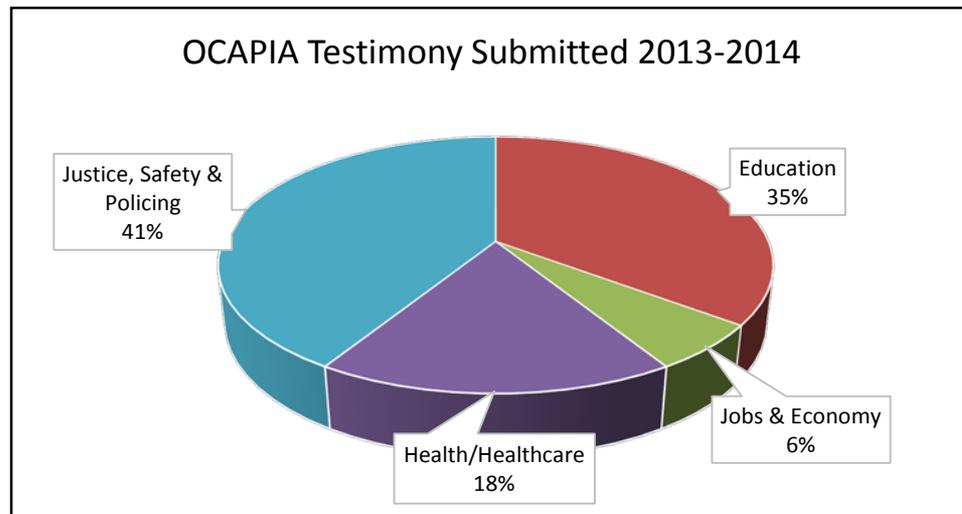
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OCAPIA Testimony and Policy Support, 2013-14

- **Education:** SB 755: Minority Teachers Act, OEIB invited testimony on Equity Lens, HB 4116A, Community College 2-Year Scholarships, Legislative Committee on School Funding Formula, The Importance of Equity in the School Funding, and others



- **Justice, Safety and Policing:** HB 2661A: Study on Public Safety Disparities, HB 3480: Civil Protections for Bias Crime, SB 4054A, Request for a hearing on Renaming Ballot Measure for Short-Term Drivers Card , and others
- **Health/Healthcare:** HB 2134/2134A: Collection of Health Data by Race, Ethnicity, HB 2661: Culturally Competent Care, SB 1569A, OHA to Establish a List of Chemicals Harmful to Children
- **Jobs & Economy:** HB 2212: Small State Procurement Contracting



2013-2015 OCAPIA STRATEGIC PLAN



In November of 2012, the OCAPIA met to lay out its strategic goals for the next biennium. The two priority areas the Commission will focus on will be education issues affecting Asian and Pacific Islanders and civic engagement, creating a pipeline of community leaders. Although the commission will focus on these two goals, commissioners will continue to engage in other advocacy and community partnerships throughout the coming two years as opportunities arise.

- GOAL ONE – EDUCATION ON ISSUES IMPACTING APIs
- GOAL TWO – CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – CREATING A PIPELINE OF CIVIC LEADERS FROM THE ASIAN COMMUNITY



GOAL ONE – EDUCATION ON ISSUES IMPACTING APIs

- **Commission representation on ODE ELL Transparency.**
- **Advised Portland Public Schools for Chinese Immersion School expansion and Vietnamese Immersion School creation.**
- **Participate and plan Asian American Youth Leadership Conference. – statewide Asian American high school students.**
- **Consult with ODE regarding SB 739 to provide resources for Asian history in Oregon.**

GOAL TWO – CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – CREATING A PIPELINE OF CIVIC LEADERS FROM THE ASIAN COMMUNITY

- **Foster education program on civic engagement – how government works**
- **Speaker Panel Forums – API Cultural Awareness Workshop**
- **Field trips to attend government meetings, legislative days and other public forums**
- **Partnership with APANO on civic engagement programs**

