The Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OACs) give underrepresented populations a voice in policymaking. We maintain an independent voice within state government, collaborating with the Governor, legislators and community partners on key equity issues and lifting lesser known but important policy areas into prominence with our advocacy. In the 2014 and 2015 sessions the OACs supported 30 bills with testimony and letters of support for hearings, 87% of which passed.

Education

The primary strategic priority of each of the four Advocacy Commissions is addressing education disparities pre-kindergarten through higher ed and the trades.

2015
SB 215, OEIB Sunset, OAC’s Invited Testimony (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)
HB 3380A, HECC Group on disparities, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)

2014
HB 4084, Community colleges to provide child daycare for students, Testimony (OCBA, OCFW)

Jobs and the Economy

Policies that affect wage equity, jobs, careers, diverse workforce and leadership, small business, poverty, and attainment are part of the OAC’s strategic priorities.

2015
SB 454A, Employer sick time benefits, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)
SB 491, Pay equity in state contracts, Testimony (OCFW)
HB 2005, Employer sick time benefits, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)

Justice, Safety and Policing

Overrepresentation in justice and corrections, hate and stalking protections, profiling, community policing and training, and access to justice are essential issues for the OACs.

2015
SB 187A, Student data protection, OAC’s Letter of Support (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)
SB 525A, Restraining order firearm restriction, Testimony (OCFW)
SB 759, Student sexual assault services, Testimony 1, Testimony 2 (OCFW)
SB 822, Recording of grand Jury proceedings, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCBA)
HB 2002, CJC for profiling complaints, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCHA, OCFW)
HB 2205, Fund to end commercial exploitation of children for sex, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCHA, OCFW)

Health/Healthcare

OAC’s strategic priorities include access to care, health coverage, culturally competent care, health education, and better health outcomes for all.

2015
SB 445, Public health info for marijuana sales, Testimony 1, Testimony 2 (OCFW)
SB 478, Chemicals in children’s toys, Testimony (OCFW)
HB 2522, Health Care for API COFA Residents, Testimony (OCAPIA)
HB 2600, Health Coverage during leave, Testimony (OCFW)

Stable Families

Stable families are essential to thriving. Addressing over-representation in foster care, hunger, homelessness, housing, displacement, and safe home environments are key.

2015
SB 492, Use of sick leave for DV related needs, Testimony (OCFW)
SB 939, DOC services for incarcerated parents, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW), Testimony (OCBA Chair)

OAC Supported Bills 2014–2015

- Jobs and the Economy: 21%
- Education: 16%
- Health: 26%
- Justice, Safety and Policing: 32%
- Stable Families: 5%
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**Health/Healthcare**

**2015**

HB 2934A, OHA basic health plan, Testimony (OCAPIA, OCFW)

HB 3517A, Health coverage for all children, Testimony (OCHA)

**2014**

SB 1511A, Radon testing and abatement in schools, Testimony (OCFW)

SB 1542, Home care registry, Testimony (OCFW)

SB 1569A, OHA to establish a list of chemicals harmful to children, Testimony (OCHA)

HB 4085, Full coverage of colorectal screening and removal, Testimony (OCFW) *

* Indicates that bill passed

“The Advocacy Commissions serve an important role by weighing in with legislative testimony on issues of importance for their communities across Oregon. Their viewpoint contributes to legislators’ understanding of key issues and raises awareness on lesser known, emerging issues.” — Senator Rod Monroe

**Jobs and the Economy**

**2015**

HB 2006, Wage equity requirements, Request for work session (OCFW)

HB 2007A, Wage transparency, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 2010, Flexible work hours, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 2734, Brownfield contamination remediation, Testimony (OCBA, OCHA)

HB 3304A, Landscape certification in alternate formats, Testimony (OCHA)

**Justice, Safety and Policing**

**2015**

HB 2478, Gender neutral statute wording for marriage, Testimony (OCHA)

HB 2704, Recording of police officers, Testimony (OCBA)

HB 2776, Protective orders for victims of domestic violence, Testimony (OCFW)

HB 3525, Reporting immigrant consultant abuse, Testimony (OCAPIA), Testimony (OCHA), Testimony (OCHA Chair)

**2014**

HB 4054A, Renaming ballot measure for short-term driver card, Letter of Support (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)

HB 4086, Exempt personally identifiable information collected by mass transit electronic fare system, Testimony (OCFW) *

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