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 2015 and 2016 sessions the OACs supported 45 bills with testimony and letters of support for hearings, 75% of which passed.

**Education**
The primary strategic priority of each of the four Advocacy Commissions is addressing education disparities Pre-K through higher education and the trades.

2016
- SB 1564*, English language learner granular data, Testimony (OCAPIA)
- HB 4033*, Educators' equity act, Testimony (OCBA)

**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.

2016
- SB 1532*, Raising the minimum wage, Testimony (OCBA/OCFW)
- HB 4001, Tenant protections, Testimony (OCBA)

**Housing and Stable Families**
Housing and stable families are essential to thriving. Addressing disparities in foster care, hunger, homeless, housing displacement, and safety are key indicators.

2016
- SB 1533A*, Inclusionary zoning, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)
- HB 4001, Tenant protections, Testimony (OCBA)

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

2016
- HB 4017*, OHA Basic Health Plan, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA)
- HB 491*, Pay equity in state contracts, Testimony (OCBA)

2015
- SB 445, Public health info for marijuana sales, Testimony 1, Testimony 2 (OCFW)
- SB 478*, Chemicals in children’s toys, Testimony (OCFW)

**Justice, Safety and Policing**
Overrepresentation in the justice system, hate/stalking protections, profiling, law enforcement and training, and corrections are essential issues for the OACs.

2016
- SB 1571*, Testing of sexual assault evidence kits, Testimony (OCFW)
- HB 4003*, Extend law enforcement profiling workgroup, Testimony (OCBA)
- HB 4123, Relief from court fees, Testimony (OCBA)

**Citizen Engagement**
Being an active part of community, leadership, social/government institutions and accessing opportunities are key to success for all Oregonians.

2016
- HB 4009*, Minoru Yasui Day, Testimony (OCAPIA)

**Environmental Justice**
Equal protection from environmental and health hazards, and meaningful public participation in decisions that affect the environment in which people live.

2016
- SB 1574, Healthy climate bill, Testimony (OCFW)
- HB 4036*, Clean energy bill and community solar panels, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

* Indicates that bill passed

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Education

2015
SB 187A*, Student data protection, OAC’s Letter of Support (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)
SB 215*, OEB sunset, OAC’s Invited Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)
HB 2968*, Investment outcomes for students in poverty, Testimony (OCFW)
HB 3308A*, HECC group on disparities, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

Justice, Safety and Policing

2016 (continued)
HB 4128*, Immigration Consultant Fraud, Testimony and Floor letter (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)

2015
SB 525A*, Restraining order firearm restriction, Testimony (OCFW)
SB 759A* 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/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)
HB 2205*, Fund to end commercial exploitation of children for sex, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)
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)

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** Accomplished through a budget note

Health/Healthcare

2015
HB 2522*, Health care for API COFA residents, Testimony (OCAPIA)
HB 2600*, Health coverage during leave, Testimony (OCFW)
HB 2934A*, OHA Basic Health Plan, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCFW)
HB 3517A*, Health coverage for all children, Testimony (OCHA)

Jobs and the Economy

2015
HB 2005, Employer sick time benefits, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW)
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)

Civic Engagement

2015
HB 2177*, Motor Voter, Testimony (OCBA Chair)

Housing and Stable Families

2016 (continued)
HB 4143*, Tenant protections 90-day notice, Testimony (OCFW)

2015
SB 492*, Use of sick leave for DV related needs, Testimony (OCFW)
SB 939**, Programs for children of incarcerated parents, Testimony (OCAPIA/OCBA/OCHA/OCFW), Testimony (OCBA Chair)

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