

## **HB 2238 Racial Equity Statement**

The Oregon Department of State Lands is committed to the fair, just, and unbiased treatment of people of all races. Actively identifying and addressing inequities to ensure inclusive public service is one of the Department's core values. Evaluating who proposed administrative rules will impact, and how the rules may impact some groups of people differently than others, is essential to providing equitable service. During the rulemaking the Department evaluated multiple potential cost recovery models for the Department's regulatory program, which includes removal-fill permitting and wetland delineations and determinations. The Department and the Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) examined the following to ultimately determine the impacts the proposed rules may have on racial equity:

- What persons and groups are subject to the rules?

RAC discussion identified several groups affected by the rules: property owners, developers, natural resource consultants, and state and other municipal agencies.

- What issues are the rules seeking to address?

Proposed are changes to delineation and application fees for wetland and waterway delineations and Individual Permits, General Permits, General Authorizations, No-State-Permits in waters of this state. The intent is to reduce or remove the burden to the Common School Fund of the Removal and Fill program.

- Which racial groups are likely to be affected by those issues?

The Department does not collect data of the racial make-up for delineations or permitting. The fees will impact applicants of the various racial groups of Oregon consistently.

- Ultimately, what impacts may this rule have on racial equity?

Considering the information above, the Department concludes that the proposed changes to this rule are unlikely to impact racial equity in Oregon.