

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON**  
**TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**March 30, 2005 Hearing Room 343**

**8:30 A.M. Tapes 47 - 49**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:       Rep. John Lim, Chair**

**Rep. Scott Bruun, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Jeff Merkley, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Peter Buckley**

**Rep. John Dallum**

**Rep. Donna Nelson**

**Rep. Chuck Riley**

**STAFF PRESENT:         Jim Stenbridge, Committee Administrator**

**Erin Seiler, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 2013 – Public Hearing and Work Session**

**HB 3143 – Public Hearing**

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**TAPE/#    Speaker                    Comments**

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001 Chair Lim Opens the meeting at 8:37 a.m. Opens the public hearing on HB 2013.

**HB 2013 – PUBLIC HEARING**

005 Jim Stenbridge Explains HB 2013, which creates Oregon Advocacy Commission to promote economic, social, legal, and political equality for Hispanic, black, and Asian populations. Submits and summarizes -1 amendments (**EXHIBIT A**).

026 Lynn Partin Legislative Relations, Office of Governor Kulongoski. Submits and summarizes 2005-2007 Governor's Recommended Budget for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (**EXHIBIT B**).

032 Partin Speaks to Governor Kulongoski's support for reestablishing and funding the Oregon Advocacy Commission Office.

052 Rep. Nelson Expresses concern about the failure to establish "several minority commissions."

058 Partin Explains that the Governor's Office has considered, but determined to be politically unfeasible, a broader Human Rights Commission.

066 Rep. Nelson Asks why there is not a Commission on Minorities.

068 Partin States that such a commission has not been considered.

098 Rep. Carolyn Tomei House District 41. Submits and summarizes written testimony in support of HB 2013 with -1 amendments (**EXHIBIT C**).

128 Rep. Lim Asks if the Women's Commission should be included in the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

132 Rep. Tomei Points out how women remain underrepresented in many occupational areas and we must continue to advocate for them in "all walks of life."

141	Carol Suzuki	Chair, Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs. Testifies in support of HB 2013 with -1 amendments.
185	Rep. Merkley	Asks when the funding lost and how that impacted what the Commission on Asian Affairs could do.
190	Suzuki	Explains how the loss of funding negatively impacted the operative and administrative ability of the Commission on Asian Affairs.
214	Rep. Merkley	Points out how losing funding, in effect, paralyzed the activities of the Commission on Asian Affairs.
217	Suzuki	Confirms that the Commission on Asian Affairs was effectively paralyzed after funding was eliminated.
225	Rep. Buckley	Asks what the overall cost-savings are for the state if the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office is established.
236	Suzuki	Addresses the decrease in the fiscal impact on the budget if all the advocacy commissions are administered by a single commission.
270	Rep. Nelson	Asks what the Asian-American population is in Oregon.
277	Suzuki	States that Census 2000 reported that Asian-Americans were 3.2 percent of the population in Oregon.
288	Chair Lim	Asks how many Asian ethnic groups are represented within the Commission on Asian Affairs.
292	Suzuki	Estimates that there are between forty and fifty different Asian ethnic groups represented within the Commission.
313	Johnny Lake	Chair, Oregon Commission on Black Affairs. Testifies in support of HB 2013.
384	Chair Lim	Asks if Mr. Lake is currently serving on the Commission on Black Affairs.
385	Lake	Confirms that he is the Chair of the Commission on Black Affairs.

391 Chair Lim Asks, in its twenty year existence, what impact the Commission on Black Affairs has had in the African-American community.

396 Lake Explains the positive impact the Commission on Black Affairs has had on the African-American community.

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024 Rep. Merkley Asks how the loss of funding has impacted the ability of the Commission on Black Affairs to effectively advocate for the African-American community.

029 Lake Details how the loss of funding has negatively effected the Commission on Black Affairs and how it substantially impaired their ability to communicate with constituents.

050 Rep. Buckley Asks what role the Commission on Black Affairs plays in the legislative process and in disseminating policy information to constituents.

052 Lake Explains that a critical function of the Commission was to be a “conduit of democracy” by providing accurate and complete information about the legislature and its policy activities.

071 Rep. Riley Asks whether each Commission will have their own office space or will there be a central Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

080 Partin Explains how HB 2013 attempts to maintain the integrity of all four Commissions yet streamlines and minimizes the administrative expenses.

095 Rep. Riley Questions whether there will be a central location for handling the administrative responsibilities of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

099 Partin Explains that location and administrative details have not been determined, adding that -1 amendments attempt to resolve issues of collaboration between the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

111 Rep. Bruun

Asks for clarification about language in HB 2013 as to abolishing the four existing Commissions and creating one main Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

- 121 Partin Clarifies how -1 amendments would maintain the integrity of each existing Commission, but combine the administrative support functions within a single commission.
- 148 Rep. Nelson Asks why funds are not distributed equally amongst the four existing Commissions for administrative expenses and whether DAS will get 16 percent of money.
- 153 Partin Explains how streamlining the four Commissions would minimize the administrative costs, but the DAS expenses “do not go away.”
- 181 Rep. Nelson Questions the necessity of DAS involvement and why each Commission cannot continue to be independent entity.
- 192 Sen. Richard Devlin Senate District 19. Testifies in support of HB 2013.
- 308 Francisca Leyva-Johnson Chair, Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA). Submits information packet about the OCHA which includes: OCHA Mission Statement, Oregon Hispanic Population data, 2002 Hispanic Youth Summit Handbook, 2000 Hispanic Youth Summit Handbook, and 2003-04 and 2005-07 Legislative Alert reports **(EXHIBIT D)**.
- 312 Leyva-Johnson Testifies in support of HB 2013.
- 372 Leyva-Johnson Addresses the difficulties in accomplishing the goals OCHA as a result of the loss of funding.

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- 010 Rep. Buckley Addresses the inability of OCHA to continue operations because of lack of financial support.
- 013 Leyva-Johnson Explains why it is valuable for all the Commissions to be under the administrative umbrella of Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

024	Rep. Nelson	Points out how “it is one thing to have administrative help, but to pay DAS 20 percent of what your getting is ridiculous.”
047	Lake	Speaks to how the Commissions have always suffered from funding problems.
079	Roslyn Farrington	Executive Director, Oregon Commission for Women (OCW) Testifies in support of HB 2013.
113	Farrington	Submits and summarizes Oregon Commission for Women 2005 Legislative Report and addresses the commitment of OCW to maintaining statewide representation ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).
124	Farrington	Points out the legislative record, publications, and community outreach of OCW ( <b>EXHIBIT E, Page 4</b> ).
135	Farrington	Explains the impact OCW Americorp program has had throughout Oregon ( <b>EXHIBIT E, Page 7</b> ).
160	Farrington	Explains financial resources, fundraising efforts, and funding loss OCW has experienced since 2003 ( <b>EXHIBIT E, Page 8</b> ).
193	Farrington	Identifies how working within broader Commission atmosphere will allow each Commission to support one another in their missions.
201	Rep. Riley	Commends the work of Farrington.
207	Rep. Nelson	Commends the work of Farrington and her continued efforts on behalf of OCW.
220	Marcia Kelley	Lobbyist, Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition. Testifies on behalf of the member organizations of the Oregon Women’s Rights Coalition in support of HB 2013.

**The following written testimony was submitted for the record without public testimony:**

Morgan Cowling	Legislative Director, Oregon Student Association. Submits written testimony in support of HB 2013 ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).
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Everette Rice Commissioner, Oregon Commission on Black Affairs. Submits written testimony in support of HB 2013 (**EXHIBIT G**).

242 Chair Lim Closes the public hearing on HB 2013. Opens the work session on HB 2013.

**HB 2013 – WORK SESSION**

254 Lynn Partin Legislative Relations, Office of Governor Kulongoski.

259 Chair Lim Asks how -1 amendments reduce the administrative costs associated with establishing the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

263 Partin Explains the administrative savings of -1 amendments.

279 Chair Lim Verifies that each Commission will not have a paid Executive Director.

283 Partin Explains how Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office would provide administrative support to all of the Commissions.

289 Chair Lim Expresses concern about the high DAS charges and inquires about the possibly of negotiating lower charges.

**305 Rep. Nelson MOTION: Moves to TABLE HB 2013.**

**328 VOTE: 1-4-2**

**AYE: 1 - Nelson**

**NAY: 4 - Bruun, Buckley, Riley, Lim**

**EXCUSED: 2 - Dallum, Merkley**

**Chair Lim The motion FAILS.**

**340 Rep. Riley MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2013-1 amendments dated 03/16/05.**

379 Chair Lim

Closes the work session on HB 2013. Opens the public hearing on HB 3143.

### **HB 3143 – PUBLIC HEARING**

382 Jim Stembridge Committee Administrator. Explains HB 3143, which eliminates economic hardship requirements that areas must meet to be designated enterprise zones.

390 Rep. Debi Farr House District 14. Testifies in support of HB 3143.

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028 Chair Lim Closes public hearing on HB 3143. Opens the work session on HB 2013.

### **HB 2013 – WORK SESSION**

**033 VOTE: 6-1-0**

**AYE: 6 - Bruun, Buckley, Dallum, Merkley, Riley, Lim**

**NAY: 1 - Nelson**

**Chair Lim The motion CARRIES.**

041 Rep. Nelson States supports of HB 2013, but expresses concern about failure to include all European minority groups and DAS costs.

**055 Rep. Riley MOTION: Moves HB 2013 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.**

064 Chair Lim Expresses concern about -1 amendments and speaks to why original intent was to abolish all Commissions.

**081 VOTE: 6-0-1**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Dallum**



**Chair Lim**

**The motion CARRIES.**

093 Chair Lim Closes the work session on HB 2013. Opens the public hearing on HB 3143.

**HB 3143 –PUBLIC HEARING**

100 Terry Connolly Director of Government Affairs, Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. Submits and summarizes written testimony in support of HB 3143 (**EXHIBIT H**).

182 Rep. Nelson Comments on the importance of enterprise zones to economic development.

198 Jack Roberts Executive Director, Lane Metro Partnership. Submits and summarizes written testimony in support of HB 3143 (**EXHIBIT I**).

284 Roberts Explains the administrative rules, administrative procedures, and economic benefits of enterprise zones.

335 Roberts States the economic significance of removing the cap on the number of enterprise zones and addresses concerns about the fiscal impact of increasing the number of enterprise zones.

378 Rep. Buckley Questions why companies would not invest in more affluent areas and ignore the depressed areas of the state if the cap on enterprise zones were eliminated.

396 Roberts Explains why the “fear” that smaller communities will be at a competitive disadvantage is “misplaced.”

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005 Rep. Buckley Expresses lingering concerns that the “potency” of enterprise zones will be lost by making it too broad a program.

010 Roberts Speaks to the need to identify why enterprise zones have been so successful and why the program should be made more assessable.

013	Rep. Riley	Asks how cities determine whether or not to participate in an enterprise zone.
017	Roberts	Responds that it is a decision made by a local government.
020	Rep. Nelson	Asks why “a number of good businesses” are prevented from participating in an enterprise zone.
027	Roberts	Speaks to the original concept behind enterprise zones and why the program is targeted at traded-sector companies, not service-sector companies.
040	Rep. Nelson	Questions whether enterprise zone program should be changed to include service sector companies.
048	Roberts	Explains why tourist sector has been excluded from participation in enterprise zones and the need to keep from undermining a local government’s tax base and inhibit the ability to provide basic government services.
054	Rep. Nelson	Speaks to the need to provide jobs for people in Oregon and Yamhill County.
078	Roberts	Explains that most high technology companies can participate in enterprise zones.
084	Chair Lim	Closes the public hearing on HB 3143. Adjourns the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. HB 2013, -1 amendments, staff, 7 pp**
- B. HB 2013, 2005-2007 Governor’s Recommended Budget for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, Lynn Partin, 2 pp**
- C. HB 2013, written testimony, Carolyn Tomei, 1 p**
- D. HB 2013, information packet, Francisca Leyva-Johnson, 39 pp**

**E. HB 2013, Oregon Commission for Women 2005 Legislative Report, Roslyn Farrington, 8 pp**

**H. HB 3143, written testimony, Terry Connolly, 2 pp**

**I. HB 3143, written testimony, Jack Roberts, 4 pp**

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**F. HB 2013, written testimony, Morgan Cowling, 1 p**

**G. HB 2013, written testimony, Everette Rice, 3 pp**