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Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Testimony in support of HB 2212
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Chair Beyer, Vice Chair Starr, and Senators Edwards, Girod, Monroe, and Thomsen:

The Oregon Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and Hispanic Affairs are submitting testimony in support of HB 2212 which increases the allowable amount of small state procurement contracting from $5,000 to $10,000.

Equal access is a priority for each of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions and is the underlying issue of most of our advocacy and policy work. This includes access to state contracting for minority, emerging and woman owned business.

We support HB 2212 as it allows for more substantial contract amounts for procurement and it also will be a more substantial tool for state agencies incorporating intentional outreach to attract diverse contractors. We applaud the work of the Governor's Office on Economic and Business Equity for their outreach to minority, emerging and woman owned businesses to become listed in the Oregon Directory of Certified Business and to procurement managers to access the Directory for their procurement contractors.

HB 2212 will make a difference for these contractors and we encourage you to support this bill with your vote.

Sincerely,

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