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House Judiciary Committee
Testimony in support of HB 2668
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Chair Barker, Vice Chairs Garrett and Krieger, and Representatives Barton, Cameron, Hicks, Olson, Tomei and Williamson,

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions are submitting testimony in support of HB 2668 which clarifies that public property is subject to public accommodation. We represent the:

- The Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs
- The Commission on Black Affairs
- The Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- The Commission for Women

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 governmental bodies providing essential services, education, and many fundamental supports for communities of color and women in Oregon.

There should be no confusion on whether certain governmental bodies and their services are covered by requirements for accommodation. We believe that clear wording and clear intention is a key factor in meeting compliance issues, accommodation among them.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions urge the Committee members to positively consider this clarifying legislation and support it with your vote. HB 2668 is a needed step to assure clarity on accommodation in the public and government locations that Oregonians depend on for access.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Cano, Chair, OCHA

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