

HB 5001 is the budget for the Oregon Advocacy Commission Office. It is an 18% reduction. The commission coordinates Asian, Pacific, Black Hispanic, and Women affairs per the budget report. Almost every aspect of state government claims huge disparities exist that must be addressed. Yet, the budget is cut 18%. The supporting letters call for 29 FTE yet only 4 FTE are in this budget. The budget report claims there is other money someplace else? Where? The budget summary blames the reduction on the expiration of a task force that made recommendations to address the above population needs. So where are the recommendation implementations? How could these recommendations be implemented with an 18% reduction. SB 5001 simply does not add up at this time.