

**CHAPTER 283**  
**Status of Women Advisory Committee**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Removal of wife's civil disabilities; wife's civil rights (feme sole) - see ORS 108.010  
Family abuse and violence - see ORS 133.055  
Discrimination in educational and recreational facilities - see ORS 179.750  
Commission for Women - see ORS 185.510 et seq.  
Wage discrimination - see ORS 652.210, 652.220, 652.230, 652.990  
Discrimination in employment - see ORS 659.020, 659.029, 659.030  
Pregnancy and childbirth - see ORS 659.029  
Committees generally - see ADM. Ch. 250  
Discrimination in Airport businesses - see S.U. & P.S. 1062.52

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**283.01 POLICY STATEMENT; ESTABLISHMENT; APPLICATION.**

(a) It is the policy of the County to take affirmative action to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on account of sex in the areas of housing, education, community services, employment and related fields. In order to promote this policy, there is hereby established in and for the County a Status of Women Advisory Committee.

(b) This chapter shall apply throughout the County. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to create any right, power or duty in conflict with any State, Federal or municipal law.

(Ord 80-2. Passed 5-21-80.)

**283.02 COMPOSITION; TERMS OF OFFICE; MEETINGS; COMPENSATION.**

The Status of Women Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven members. Members of the Committee shall serve two-year terms or until their successors are appointed. When a member of the Committee completes a term of office, the Committee shall, upon a majority vote, recommend a replacement to the Board of County Commissioners. Whenever a member fails to attend more than three consecutive regular meetings, the Committee shall, upon a majority vote, recommend to the Board a replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, unless the member's failure is excused. The Committee shall have regular meetings, the frequency, time and place of which shall be established by the members in accordance with the needs of the Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given to the Board and the public in accordance with State law. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and other expenses incurred on official business in accordance with established County policies, subject to budget limitations.

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**283.03 FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The functions and responsibilities of the Status of Women Advisory Committee shall be to:

- (a) Study and investigate, by means of meetings, conferences or public hearings, conditions which demonstrate discrimination or prejudice against any person because of sex, and complaints on the needs and problems of women;
- (b) Initiate its own investigations within its scope of authority;
- (c) Seek to resolve such matters through consultation, conciliation and advice;
- (d) Consult and cooperate with the Board of County Commissioners and Federal, State, city and other public agencies, and refer, if requested, to the proper governmental agencies, any matters, disputes or controversies already in the jurisdiction of its existent powers, with the intent that duplication of efforts should be avoided;
- (e) Prepare and disseminate information in the field of sex discrimination and prejudice, and advice and counsel residents of the County, the Board and departments and agencies of the County, State and Federal governments on matters involving the needs of women and relating to discrimination and prejudice because of sex;
- (f) Recommend necessary procedures, programs or legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities;

- (g) Undertake any specific task or investigation as may be requested by the Board;
- (h) Render to the Board, at least once each calendar year, a report of its activities and other special reports as requested by the Board;
- (i) Subject to the approval of the Board, request information and use of services, facilities and other assistance for purposes of furthering the objectives of this chapter; and
- (j) Facilitate or promote programs relevant to the status of women as proposed and supported by community organizations.

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