

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0  
**Yeas:** Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker  
**Nays:** Kruse  
**Exc.:** 0  
**Prepared By:** Dana Richardson, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands State Board of Higher Education by addition of one faculty position. Specifies board membership.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Even number of board members
- Regional university representation on the board
- Education governance structure generally

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Board of Higher Education currently has 11 directors. Two must be students at an Oregon public institution of higher education and no more than one is a faculty member at an Oregon public institution of higher education. HB 2579 would expand the number of directors to 12 and mandate two faculty positions: one from Oregon State University, Portland State University, or the University of Oregon; one from Eastern Oregon University, the Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, or Western Oregon University. The other eight directors would be members of the general public who are neither students nor faculty.